



COQUEREL

2022 TERROIR COQUEREL SAUVIGNON BLANC

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OVERVIEW

Coquerel Family Wine Estates is located just beyond the town of Calistoga at the north end of the Napa Valley. The heart and soul of our winery is our estate vineyard, a gorgeous, oak-studded property that sits in the afternoon shadows of the Mayacamas Mountains. Since 2005, we have done extensive enhancement and replanting of the site to ensure world-class fruit from vintage to vintage. The combination of warm temperatures and deep, clay soils makes this ideal terroir for Sauvignon Blanc, our flagship variety. It also produces exceptional Verdelho, Tempranillo, Petite Sirah, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. In 2015 we planted 4 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc on our estate. These were planted at a density of 3000 vines/acre using 3309 rootstock and 2 clones 269 and 4. In addition to our estate fruit, we source Cabernet Franc from a premier grower in Napa Valley.

VINTAGE

2022 was the third dry vintage in a row. Overall, the temperature was moderate until September. We started harvesting our Sauvignon Blanc in the third week of August. We were lucky to have our harvest ready by the end of August because in early September a heat wave blazed Napa Valley. A peak temperature of 108°F was recorded for the first time in Napa Valley.

WINEMAKING

The fruit for our 2022 Terroir Sauvignon Blanc came from our estate Walnut Wash Vineyard in Calistoga. Once in the winery the clusters were de-stemmed and gently pressed to avoid any bitterness. The juice was settled and fermented in small French oak barrels, 10% of which were new. The wine was aged sur lie with frequent stirring to increase body and texture. Bottling took place mid-April 2023.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2022 Terroir follows in the footsteps of its predecessors. Although somewhat restrained in its youth, the bouquet is redolent with orange marmalade, kumquat with a hint of vanilla and toast. The palate opens with zingy acidity followed by a creamy mid-palate and a long finish packed with grapefruit, lemon, guava. While it drinks beautifully now, this is one of those rare Sauvignon Blancs that will continue to improve with age.

STATISTICS

COMPOSITION	100% Sauvignon Blanc	TA	3.3
REGION	Calistoga, Napa Valley	pH	6.8
AGING	7 months in 100% French oak (10% new), weekly stirring of lees	ALCOHOL	13.5%
		CASES	99

