



# COQUEREL

## 2023 LE PETIT 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

Vintage 2023 will be remembered for the coldest winter in 20 years for Napa Valley with a good amount of rain (3 times more than the previous vintage). The rainfall was very welcome after two years of drought. However, bud break occurred three weeks later than usual in Napa Valley and veraison was also late. We finally harvested our Sauvignon Blanc on September 11th, later than usual for Napa Valley. Overall, the weather was cool with no heat wave which allowed the fruit to mature evenly.

### WINEMAKING

The fruit for our 2023 Le Petit 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 fermented in stainless steel barrels and aged sur lie for 8 months with frequent stirring to increase body and texture. Bottling took place at the end April 2024.

### TASTING NOTES

Our 2023 Le Petit Sauvignon Blanc is pure, fresh, and delicious. The nose is expressive and powerful with notes of grapefruit, guava, and a hint of lemon fragrances. The palate is crisp with a round mid-palate and a long finish of pink grapefruit. It will pair perfectly with white fish like halibut, Asian food, and a gourmet citrus salad.

### STATISTICS

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| <b>COMPOSITION</b> .....  | 100% Sauvignon Blanc                  | <b>TA</b> .....      | 6.2   |
| <b>REGION</b> .....       | Napa Valley                           | <b>pH</b> .....      | 3.44  |
| <b>VINEYARD</b> .....     | Coquerel Estate, Walnut Wash Vineyard | <b>ALCOHOL</b> ..... | 13.5% |
| <b>FERMENTATION</b> ..... | Stainless steel barrels               | <b>CASES</b> .....   | 746   |
| <b>AGING</b> .....        | 8 months <i>sur lie</i>               |                      |       |

