



# COQUEREL

## 2023 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

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 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 in mid-April of 2024.

### TASTING NOTES

Our 2023 Terroir follows in the footsteps of its predecessors. Although somewhat restrained in its youth, the bouquet is redolent with orange marmalade, guava 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, and pineapple. While it drinks beautifully now, this is one of those rare Sauvignon Blancs that will continue to improve with age.

### STATISTICS

<b>COMPOSITION</b> .....	100% Sauvignon Blanc	<b>TA</b> .....	3.4
<b>REGION</b> .....	Napa Valley	<b>pH</b> .....	6.3
<b>VINEYARD</b> .....	Coquerel Estate, Walnut Wash Vineyard	<b>ALCOHOL</b> .....	13.5%
<b>FERMENTATION</b> .....	French oak barrels (10% new)	<b>CASES</b> .....	52
<b>AGING</b> .....	8 months <i>sur lie</i>		

