



# COQUEREL

## 2023 VERDELHO

| NAPA VALLEY |

### 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 Verdelho 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 Verdelho came from our estate Walnut Wash Vineyard in Calistoga. Once at 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 with frequent stirring to increase body and texture. Bottling took place in April of 2024.

### TASTING NOTES

Our 2023 Verdelho is pure, fresh and delicious. The nose is expressive and powerful with notes of lemon, lime, and a hint of minerality fragrances. The palate is crisp with a round mid-palate with lime peel flavor and a long finish of orange peel. It will pair perfectly with oysters, fish dishes such as ceviche, spicy food, and Asian cuisine.

### STATISTICS

<b>COMPOSITION</b> .....	100% Verdelho	<b>TA</b> .....	5.87
<b>REGION</b> .....	Napa Valley	<b>pH</b> .....	3.53
<b>VINEYARD</b> .....	Coquerel Estate, Walnut Wash Vineyard	<b>ALCOHOL</b> .....	13.5%
<b>FERMENTATION</b> .....	Stainless steel barrels	<b>CASES</b> .....	94
<b>AGING</b> .....	7 months <i>sur lie</i>		

