



COQUEREL

2021 ESTATE RESERVE WALNUT WASH CABERNET SAUVIGNON

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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 Walnut Wash 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 make this ideal terroir for Sauvignon Blanc, our flagship variety. It also produces exceptional Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Verdelho, Tempranillo and Petite Sirah. In 2015, we planted 4 acres of estate Cabernet Sauvignon on clay soil (clone 169 and 4 on rootstock 3309) and Cabernet Franc (clone 214 on riparia) with narrow high density 3x5 spacing.

VINTAGE

The vintage 2021 has been extremely challenging with a very dry winter and spring with daily wind. The rainfalls brought barely 10 inches. The management of irrigation was thoughtful, starting at bloom in May to grow a substantial canopy. In order to save water, suckering was done earlier than the previous vintage. Overall, our vineyard yield was similar to our 2020 vintage. Our Cabernet Sauvignon was harvested on the evening of September 27th.

WINEMAKING

The grapes were de-stemmed, crushed, cold macerated for 48 hours then fermented in small tanks with gentle punch downs while being temperature controlled throughout fermentation to extract soft tannin and delicate flavor. The wine was then pressed, barreled before malolactic fermentation and aged 28 months in French oak (50% new). Bottling took place in February 2024.

TASTING NOTES

Our 2021 Estate Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon from our Walnut Wash Vineyard has a nice deep color. The nose has earthy notes with blackberries and a hint of toast like crème brulee with black pepper. The palate is very dense with soft tannin and a long finish of red cherry. It will pair perfectly with duck confit, stews and other rich meat dishes. While this wine drinks beautifully now it will continue to improve over the next decade.

STATISTICS

COMPOSITION	100% Cabernet Sauvignon	TA	6.12
REGION	Calistoga, Napa Valley	pH	3.58
AGING	28 months in French oak (50% new)	ALCOHOL	14.5%
		CASES	50

