



# COQUEREL

## 2014 PETITE SIRAH

— | WALNUT WASH VINEYARD • 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 and Petite Sirah. In 2015 we planted 4 acres of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc on our estate. These vineyards are planted high density with the best rootstocks and clones and will start producing during the 2017 vintage. In addition to our estate fruit, we source Chardonnay, Cabernet and other noble grapes from a handful of premier growers throughout the Napa Valley.

### VINTAGE

The 2014 vintage was another dry year for the vineyard and most of the precipitation occurred just before bud break. The spring rain was a welcome sight as it allowed for normal vine canopy growth. The rest of the growing season consisted of cool mornings and warm days. Much like the previous vintage, this growing period began earlier than anticipated. The fruit was harvested during the early morning on September 27th.

### WINEMAKING

The grapes were gently de-stemmed, cold macerated and fermented in a one-ton bin. They were punched down over the course of fermentation to extract as much fruit as possible. The wine was then pressed into barrels for malolactic fermentation and aged 22 months in French oak.

### TASTING NOTES

Our 2014 Petite Sirah is one large wine with a deep purple color, an indicator of the underlying depth and concentration. The nose is rich with spicy black pepper and a hint of earthy notes. The palate is creamy, dense and moderately tannic, making it a good candidate for extended aging. While it is powerful, there is still a sense of elegance. This wine will pair well with roasted or barbecued duck or venison, and for the more adventurous, chocolate cake.

### STATISTICS

<b>COMPOSITION</b> .....	100% Petite Sirah	<b>TA</b> .....	5.78
<b>REGION</b> .....	Calistoga, Napa Valley	<b>pH</b> .....	3.73
<b>FERMENTATION</b> .....	Walnut Wash Estate Vineyard	<b>ALCOHOL</b> .....	14.5%
<b>AGING</b> .....	22 months in French oak	<b>CASES</b> .....	432

