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COQUEREL FAMILY WINE ESTATES  
BRAND ESSENCE

A DIFFERENT VIEW OF NAPA

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 2006, 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.



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ESTATE WALNUT WASH VINEYARD



Our estate “Walnut Wash” vineyard sits in the afternoon shadows of the Mayacamas Mountains at the north end of Napa Valley in the Calistoga AVA. The site is warm and protected and features a mix of deep clay and stony soils. There are currently fifteen acres planted to Sauvignon Blanc, Verdelho, Petite Sirah, Tempranillo, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. Under the guidance of winemaker Christine Barbe, our vineyard is intensely farmed for low yields and high quality. The unique conditions and favorable terroir produces exceptional fruit each vintage.



## HIGHLIGHTS

- **LOCATION:** Calistoga, Napa Valley, CA
- **ACREAGE:** 15 acres planted to vines
- **TERRAIN:** Gentle slope below Mayacamas Mountain Range
- **SOIL:** Mix of deep clay and stones
- **CLIMATE:** Relatively warm and protected
- **VARIETALS:** Sauvignon Blanc  
Verdelho  
Rose´ of Cabernet  
Tempranillo  
Petite Sirah  
Cabernet Sauvignon  
Cabernet Franc



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### OUR PASSIONATE OWNERS



#### CLAY & BRENDA COCKERELL

As serious wine lovers for more than three decades, Clay and Brenda Cockerell have travelled extensively throughout the great appellations of Europe and sampled everything from simple, honest regional bottlings to some of the world's most celebrated wines.

Years ago, while visiting the Napa Valley, they decided the time was right to make their own wines. Coquerel was born. (The name Coquerel is an archaic French derivation of their family name - Cockerell.)

In 2005, they purchased a vineyard in Calistoga planted to old-vine, dry-farmed Sauvignon Blanc. In 2008 they acquired the adjacent site that was planted to a handful of traditional varieties rarely found in modern-day Napa. Since then they have revamped, replanted and upgraded their property to luxury-class winegrowing standards.



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OUR WINEMAKER



**WINEMAKER CHRISTINE BARBE** was born and raised in Bordeaux France. She studied biochemistry and received her doctorate degree in Enology and Viticulture from the Bordeaux Institute of Enology. Her knowledge of sauvignon blanc is extensive as she made wine at Chateau Carbonnieux and La Louviere in Pessac-Leognan. Christine worked with the renowned Denis Dubourdieu and learned firsthand how to taste sauvignon blanc grapes as they ripen and how to harvest them to maximize the aroma and flavor of the wine.

In 1996 Christine moved to California where she engaged in winemaking and viticulture research for Robert Mondavi, Gallo and Trinchero. Christine also produces wonderful wine under her personal label Toquade.

Christine oversees the winemaking and viticultural programs and practices at our estate vineyard in Calistoga. In the spirit of the traditional French vigneron, a life she knows well from her years in Bordeaux, Christine manages all aspects of our farming, harvesting, vinification and bottling to ensure the highest quality, most expressive wines possible.

*“Christine is one of the most passionate wine makers I’ve ever seen and the wines speak for that.”*





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# OUR WINES

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All of our bottlings are handmade in small lots to ensure character and authenticity. Our whites are bright, crisp, elegant and well structured. Our reds are intense, aromatic, harmonious and lush. Complexity, concentration, balance and minerality are the hallmarks of our wines. We produce two tiers of wine from our estate and other premier Napa Valley vineyards. The “Le Petit” label emphasizes pure varietal character, balance and accessibility, while the “Terroir” wines emphasize site, complexity and elegance.

VERDELHO



ROSÉ OF CABERNET



SAUVIGNON BLANC, LE PETIT



SAUVIGNON BLANC, TERROIR



TEMPRANILLO



CABERNET FRANC, ESTATE



CABERNET FRANC, BENNETT



CABERNET SAUVIGNON



PETITE SIRAH





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## COQUEREL FAMILY WINE ESTATES FACTS & FIGURES

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Founded in 2005 (1st Vintage in 2006)
- 2,000 case annual production
- Farming for lower yields & higher quality
- Hand harvesting
- Small lot fermentation
- No ML for white wines
- Extended lees contact for white wines
- Moderate percentage of new French oak
- Lower alcohols, lower pH, higher acidities for better balance & age-worthiness
- Minimal formal & filtrations



### RECENT SCORES

- **2019 Le Petit Sauvignon Blanc**  
Silver Medal | TEXSOM  
*International Wine Awards*
- **2017 Le Petit Sauvignon Blanc**  
Gold Medal | TEXSOM  
*International Wine Awards*
- **2015 Chardonnay**  
90 Points | Wine & Spirits  
*The Wine Advocate*
- **2014 Petite Sirah**  
94 Points | Monty Presier  
*Premiere Napa Valley*
- **2012 Le Petit Sauvignon Blanc**  
90 Points & "Editor's Choice"  
*Wine Enthusiast*
- **2010 Petit Sirah**  
93 Points | *Wine & Spirits*
- **2011 Terroir Sauvignon Blanc**  
91 Points | *Wine & Spirits*
- **2012 Terroir Chardonnay**  
90 Points | *Tasting Panel Magazine*
- **2011 Le Petit Sauvignon Blanc**  
★★★★ | *Restaurant Wine*





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## PRESS

RECENT NEWS & REVIEWS



NITTANY EPICUREAN

*October 2020*

*Wine Review*

2019 Le Petit Coquerel Sauvignon Blanc

DRINK THE BOTTLES

*July 2020*

*Wine Review:*

2016 Coquerel Cabernet Sauvignon

TOP WINES OF 2019

*December 2019*

2016 Coquerel Cabernet Sauvignon  
The Nittany Epicurean

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*December 2019*

*Wine Review:*

2016 Coquerel Cabernet Sauvignon

SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER

*August 2019*

Eight of the best California  
Sauvignon Blanc Wines

DRINK THE BOTTLES

*March 2019*

*Wine Review:*

2016 Coquerel Cabernet Franc

D MAGAZINE

*December 2017*

*What to Drink Now:*

Last Minute Gifts for Wine Lovers

ST. HELENA STAR

*June 2017*

Coquerel Wines Le Petit Coquerel  
Sauvignon Blanc 2015 (S22)

THE WEEKLY CALISTOGAN

*April 2017*

Unique & Boutique Calistoga  
Wines to Taste with Epicurean  
Small Bites at Solage

INSIDE NAPA VALLEY

*May 2016*

*Calistoga: A Vacation  
in your Own Backyard*

THE WINE DUDE

*May 2016*

Joe Roberts Interview  
with Christine Barbe

FORBES MAGAZINE

*November 2015*

Best Wine Selection Dish  
for Thanksgiving: Le Petite Coquerel

GOLF, GRAPE & GRUB  
RADIO INTERVIEW

*May 2015*

Interview with Clay &  
Brenda Cockerell

THE TERROIRIST BLOG

*March 2015*

2012 Chardonnay Review

D MAGAZINE

*March 2015*

*What to Drink Now For  
Women & Christine Barbe*

BIGGER THAN YOUR HEAD

*November 2014*

Fredric Koepfel Review:  
2012 Terroir Sauvignon Blanc

SLOW LIVING RADIO

*October 2014*

Interview with Brenda Cockerell  
& Christine Barbe

LIFE BETWEEN THE VINES

*September 2014*

Podcast Interview with  
Christine Barbe





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