



MONTICELLO VINEYARDS
CORLEY FAMILY NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE 2004

CORLEY

Cabernet Sauvignon

Napa Valley - [State Lane Vineyard](#) - Yountville

STATE LANE VINEYARD

In 1982, we began purchasing cabernet sauvignon from this vineyard on State Lane in Yountville and we have referred to it as 'State Lane Vineyard' on some of our earliest cabernet sauvignon wines. The vineyard quickly became the main source of Cabernet Sauvignon for our CORLEY RESERVE Cabernet Sauvignon and in 1989 we had the good fortune to be able to acquire the vineyard.

The cabernet sauvignon vines farmed in the 1980's were originally planted in 1971. Due to phylloxera we replanted the vineyard in the 1990's. The 12+ acre site is planted to Cabernet Sauvignon clone #337.

We are pleased to have this vineyard jewel return to maturity after its re-planting. The grapes again provide the majority of cabernet sauvignon for our CORLEY RESERVE Cabernet Sauvignon and are an important component of our CORLEY Proprietary Red Wine.

YOUNTVILLE

Climate: Moderate, with definite cool marine influence and fog contributing to cool summer mornings and the marine breeze keeping afternoons more comfortable than further up-valley. Mid-summer peak temperatures may reach 90°F (31°C), with noticeable diurnal fluctuation to the mid-50°F range (13°C).

Soils: Principally gravelly silt loams, sedimentary in origin, and gravelly alluvial soils with rock.

Principal characteristics: ripe, violet aromas and rich, but supple flavors and firm tannins.

TASTING NOTES - 2004 Inaugural Vintage

As ever, for a true and pure 100% single vineyard bottling, this Vintage 2004 exhibits all the classic State Lane Vineyard characteristics: full-bodied and firmly tannic with aromatics of dark berries, blackberry and coffee, with flavors of dark berries and a bittersweet dark chocolate.

Even in a ripe, rich year like 2004, the tannins are medium-firm and lay a solid foundation for the wine. The fruit is deep and rich and fills in all the nooks and crannies, like the mortar that holds the foundation.

This wine will be enjoyed by people who like big, bold Cabs. Although grown on the valley floor, it's similar in structure to some hillside cabs we enjoy. Deep, dark, rich and should drink well for years to come.

Cases Produced: 224

Alcohol 14.5%