

CORLEY FAMILY NAPA VALLEY



MONTICELLO VINEYARDS

VINTAGE 2006

CORLEY

Proprietary Red Wine

Small winery; Big reputation. The CORLEY FAMILY grows and produces 15,000 cases of exclusively Napa Valley wines designated as MONTICELLO VINEYARDS, CORLEY RESERVE and our CORLEY Proprietary Red Wine. We grow Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Syrah on five small vineyard sites in the Oak Knoll, Yountville, Rutherford and St. Helena appellations of Napa Valley.

Vinification

Our CORLEY Proprietary Red Wine is such a fun wine to blend. There are so many flavors, aromas and textures that we are working with when putting this wine together. From the Cabernet Franc, I generally find spicy flavors and aromas and a contribution of moderately firm tannins. The Merlot has a ripe berry flavor and a plush texture that fills in the gaps in the Cabernet Franc like mortar and bricks. The Cabernet Sauvignon contributes big ripe fruit and ripe rich tannins to balance out and moderate the previous two wines. Our Syrah contributes a very appealing dark spicy characteristic and long finish to the wine.

2006 was a later than normal harvest season for us, not unlike 2005. The fruit really had some nice time to ripen on the vine. The 2006 CPRW also has an increased amount of Cabernet Sauvignon in comparison to earlier vintages. With the addition of the Syrah, this really makes for an original and unique version of Napa Valley Right Bank.

Tasting Notes

The dark fruit and berry aromas mix beautifully with the vanilla and mocha oak. There is also a nice smokiness from the toasted oak in the background. It is a very inviting aroma. On the palate, the wine has a firm but appealing entry. The tannins are medium in intensity and frame the rich texture beautifully. The wine is full of dark fruit and dark chocolate flavor. With an hour or so in the glass, this wine opens up to even more layers of fruit in both the nose and on the palate. The finish lasts a nice long time.

For those who enjoy our previous vintages of CORLEY Proprietary Red Wine, I think you will be particularly enamored with this wine. It will drink well now through 2019. In its youth, and likely beyond, this richly textured wine will reward the patient decanter - Chris Corley, Winemaker

Vineyards

Cabernet Franc (39%)

Home Ranch Vineyard, Clone 'X'
Napa Valley, Oak Knoll District

Merlot (34%)

Knollwood Vineyard, Clone 181
Napa Valley, Oak Knoll District

Cabernet Sauvignon (18%)

Tietjen Vineyard, 'Cope' Clone
Napa Valley, Rutherford,
Yewell Vineyard, Clone 337
Napa Valley, St Helena,

Syrah (9%)

Knollwood Vineyard, Clone 470 and 174
Napa Valley - Oak Knoll District