



MONTICELLO VINEYARDS
CORLEY FAMILY NAPA VALLEY

The Corley Family in Napa Valley

Since Jay Corley came to Napa Valley in 1969 our family has pursued a commitment to estate grown wines, to the land we steward, and to passionate winemaking. Today, the second generation continues to produce artisan wines, using sustainable farming techniques on our estate vineyards in Napa Valley.

The Early Years

In 1969 our father, Jay Corley, began searching for an appropriate site to grow wine grapes and quickly recognized that the best wines in the United States were made from grapes grown in the Napa Valley. Since his personal interest was in Burgundian-style wines, he chose to initially focus on Chardonnay and Pinot Noir and therefore acquired land in what is now known as the Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley in 1970. The Oak Knoll District is in southern Napa Valley, just north of the town of Napa, and with its cooler temperatures, the Oak Knoll District is ideal for growing these varieties.

In 1980, we hired a winemaker to oversee the harvest and crushing of Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay grapes for our MONTICELLO VINEYARDS wines. In 1982, we moved into our state of the art winery on our Home Ranch Vineyard and also produced our first CORLEY RESERVE wines. MONTREAUX Brut followed in 1983, Pinot Noir in 1984; Merlot in 1990.

The Recent Past

In the 1980's Kevin Corley and Chris Corley joined Jay and are now our Winegrower and Winemaker, respectively. Stephen Corley joined his brothers and father in the 1990's as Director of Wine Sales.

The 1990's and 2000's also saw the release of Merlot in 1990, CORLEY Proprietary Red Wine in 1999; Cabernet Franc in 2003, and Syrah in 2006.

Today and Tomorrow

Our over-riding philosophy is that great wines are made in the vineyards. This is why we have made such a tremendous commitment to ownership of the most suitable land for our grapes. Already satisfied with the strength and quality of our Oak Knoll estates for our Chardonnay and Pinot Noir we set out in pursuit of Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards in the warmer districts of Napa Valley.

Today we farm five vineyards in the Napa Valley - our Home Ranch Vineyard and Knollwood Vineyard in the Oak Knoll District planted to Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Syrah vines and our State Lane Vineyard in Yountville, the Tietjen Vineyard on Niebaum Lane in Rutherford and Ehlers Lane Vineyard in St. Helena each planted to Cabernet Sauvignon.

"We are confident that you will enjoy our wines and invite you to share them with friends and family as we so proudly do". - The Corley Family