



MONTICELLO VINEYARDS  
CORLEY FAMILY NAPA VALLEY

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VINTAGE 2005

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*Jefferson Cuvee Cabernet Sauvignon*

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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.

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### Tasting Notes

*Our Vintage 2005 MONTICELLO VINEYARDS Jefferson Cuvee Cabernet Sauvignon displays aromatics of red berries, slightly spicy notes, hints of nutmeg and vanilla. The flavors follow with dark berries, herbs and spice, and hints of vanilla carry through to the palate. This wine is full-bodied, very nicely balanced and rich, yet has a nice thread of acidity to maintain balance and tension.*

*- Chris Corley, Winemaker*

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### Vineyards, Vintage and Vinification

<b>Cabernet Sauvignon</b>	<i>State Lane Vineyard - Yountville, Napa Valley</i>
<b>Cabernet Sauvignon</b>	<i>Tietjen Vineyard on Niebaum Lane - Rutherford, Napa Valley</i>
<b>Cabernet Sauvignon</b>	<i>Yewell Vineyard on Elhers Lane - St Helena, Napa Valley</i>
<b>Cabernet Franc</b>	<i>Home Ranch Vineyard - Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley</i>
<b>Merlot</b>	<i>Knollwood Vineyard - Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley</i>
<b>Syrah</b>	<i>Knollwood Vineyard - Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley</i>
<b>Cuvee</b>	<i>75% Cabernet Sauvignon / 10% Merlot / 8% Syrah / 7% Cabernet Franc</i>

### Vintage and Vinification

2005 was a long, cool growing season. We were very pleased to achieve nice levels of ripeness and flavor development without the accompanying rise in brix. This allowed us to make wines which are rich in flavor, aroma and texture without too high a level of alcohol. The grapes retained a little more of their natural acidity than they would in a shorter, hotter growing season. As a result, the wines are a little brighter and express a fruit profile that is a little more vibrant than jammy. These differences in personalities across vintages is what makes winegrowing such an exciting lifelong endeavor.

**Alcohol** 14.2%