

CORLEY FAMILY NAPA VALLEY



MONTICELLO VINEYARDS

VINTAGE 2007

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Estate Grown Syrah

Napa Valley, Oak Knoll District

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.

Tasting Notes

Our Vintage 2007 MONTICELLO VINEYARDS Estate Grown Syrah starts out with impressive brambly-berry aromas, which opens up to spicy, jammy, plum sauce and peppery aromas. There are nice hints of sweet vanilla and mocha coming from the oak. It is deep ruby in color, which is typical for our Syrah. The wine itself is very full in body, and the spicy component carries over to the flavors, which are full of dark berry fruits with dark chocolate undercurrents. The finish is long, and the medium-strength tannins frame this voluptuous wine wonderfully.

Vineyard and Vinification

Knollwood Vineyard - Napa Valley, Oak Knoll District

Our Syrah plantings at our Knollwood Vineyard in the Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley is planted to Clones #174 and #470. These are ENTAV Clones and they produce grapes that yield full-bodied, deeply colored wines. Both clones are considered to provide lower relative yields, and are considered to have smaller cluster weights as they relate to other syrah clones.

Vinification

This is our fourth varietally-bottled Syrah. As we were so pleased with our first vintages, we have continued our program of bottling a 100% Syrah.

The wine is composed of two clones of Syrah - Clones 174 and 470. As with the previous vintages, the clones are represented equally in this vintage. While I've noticed some subtle aromatic and textural differences between the clones over the last several years, I've also found, that they complement each other beautifully.

What I'm aiming for in crafting our Monticello Estate Grown Syrah is a fruit driven wine with medium tannins and just a hint of new oak. I expect this wine to drink well in its youth, and encourage people to drink it now through 2015.
