



MONTICELLO VINEYARDS
CORLEY FAMILY NAPA VALLEY

Wine Release History

MONTICELLO VINEYARDS

The majority of the wine we produce is MONTICELLO VINEYARDS. We consider our Monticello Vineyards wines to be distinctive representations of Napa Valley wine, styled to be rich, full bodied, yet well-balanced and elegant. We have always produced our wines in limited quantities. They include:

- Monticello Vineyards *Estate Grown Chardonnay* (1st Vintage: 1980)
 - Monticello Vineyards *Jefferson Cuvee Cabernet Sauvignon* (1st Vintage: 1980)
 - Monticello Vineyards *Estate Grown Pinot Noir* (1st Vintage: 1984)
 - Monticello Vineyards *Tietjen Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon* (1st Vintage: 1989)
 - Monticello Vineyards *Estate Grown Merlot* (1st Vintage: 1990)
 - Monticello Vineyards *Estate Grown Cabernet Franc* (1st Vintage: 2003)
 - Monticello Vineyards *Estate Grown Syrah* (1st Vintage: 2004)
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CORLEY RESERVE

In years when we find individual lots of our grapes to be particularly exceptional, we produce a CORLEY RESERVE wine. These wines represent the very finest expression of Napa Valley, varietal-designated wines, produced by our family. They are rich, ripe, complex and full-bodied. The wines are the truest representation of the variety and are only produced in years when the wines are especially outstanding and age-worthy. Extremely limited quantities are produced (100 - 500 cases). We offer these CORLEY RESERVE wines:

- CORLEY RESERVE *Estate Grown Chardonnay* (1st Vintage: 1982)
 - CORLEY RESERVE *Cabernet Sauvignon* (1st Vintage: 1982)
 - CORLEY RESERVE *Estate Grown Pinot Noir* (1st Vintage: 1994)
 - CORLEY RESERVE *Estate Grown Merlot* (1st Vintage: 1994)
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CORLEY

The flagship of our CORLEY designated wines is our CORLEY *Proprietary Red Wine*. In 1990, we envisioned a rich, opulent wine: a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot. We had already produced world-class Cabernet Sauvignon, grown in Yountville, Rutherford and St Helena, and Merlot, grown on our two vineyards in the Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley. We added three different clones of Cabernet Franc (Clone 'X', #332 and #312) each in two sites on our Oak Knoll District vineyards to complete the blend.

- CORLEY *Proprietary Red Wine* (1st Vintage: 1999)

We are fortunate to farm five estate vineyards in the Napa Valley. Each vineyard, (and blocks within each vineyard), are planted to maximize the quality of the grapes grown. Each planting within each block may differ from the neighboring planting, with regards to microclimate and soil.



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At the winemaker's discretion we will produce micro-bottlings that represent the diversity of our vineyard plantings under the CORLEY designation.

- CORLEY Estate Grown Chardonnay, *Heirloom Clone* (1st Vintage 2000)
- CORLEY Estate Grown Chardonnay, *Dijon Clones* (1st Vintage 2000)
- CORLEY *State Lane Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon* (1st Vintage: 2004)

Secrets

Over the last 20 plus years, we have had the opportunity to create two additional wines: MONTREAUX, a Brut sparkling wine, and CHATEAU M, a naturally botrytised blend of Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc.

MONTREAUX BRUT (1st Vintage: 1983)

A classic 60% / 40% of Pinot Noir and Chardonnay, grown on our estate owned vineyards in the Oak Knoll District of the Napa Valley. Adopting some of the oldest champagne making techniques (which today are used by only a few producers in the world, such as Krug and Bollinger), Montreaux is barrel fermented and barrel aged. Typically aged ten years on the yeast, the wine is then disgorged for release. These 'old world' techniques, coupled with long aging time in the bottle, produce the creamy richness and depth that is the hallmark of our Montreaux style.

CHATEAU M (1st Vintage: 1982)

This classic Sauterne style blend of Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc yields a deep, lush wine that has a sweet, apricot nectar character with complex layers of oak and nuts. We only produce Chateau M in years in which harvest rains induce Botrytis Cinerea, the Noble Mold, which causes shriveling and concentration of sugar and flavors in the grapes.

Ancient History

In the past we have had the opportunity to grow and produce or just produce a number of wines. They are as follows:

- 1981 - 1986 Estate Grown Sauvignon Blanc
- 1981 - 1983 Estate Grown Gewurztraminer
- 1995 Mourvedre
- 1995 and 1999 Viognier
- 1997 - 2002 Zinfandel
- Occasionally Rosé