

MONTICELLO

CORLEY FAMILY VINEYARDS

1990 Corley Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

For many years, the Corley family has been hard at work growing estate grapes and producing the world-class wines of Monticello Vineyards in Napa Valley. Like many things in life, age and maturity are assets to be cherished and praised. Monticello Vineyards' **Corley Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon** wines are unhurried examples of a great lineage of very limited production wines and represent a selection of the finest grapes grown on the estate owned vineyards.

Monticello Vineyards wines are subject to the very highest and most demanding standards of winemaking and the Corley Family only offers its name for the **Corley Reserve** designation on Monticello Vineyards' wines in vintages when the quality of the wine is deemed *exceedingly exceptional and age worthy*.

Vineyard Locations

Rutherford:

Cabernet Sauvignon – Napa Valley

This 7 ½ acre vineyard on Niebaum Lane is a consistent favorite. The Cabernet Sauvignon from this vineyard shows a great core of berry fruit with tremendous brightness. It also adds an elegance and suppleness to the texture of the wine.

Yountville:

This vineyard on State Lane was planted in the early 1970's and produces much of the cabernet sauvignon used in our Corley Reserve Cabernet Sauvignons from the mid to late 1980s and early 1990s. This vineyard is currently under redevelopment and its first harvest is planned for 2001.

Home Ranch Vineyard:

Merlot – Napa Valley

The Merlot in the wine comes from our 'Home Ranch' Vineyard that was planted in the mid-1980s. The Merlot offers gorgeous blueberry and red berry flavors and aromatics. The bright fruit is accompanied by a suppleness that shows in the mouth-feel of the final wine.

Vintage

The harvest of 1990 was an excellent and classic year. The weather was warm without either hot or cold extremes and no rains to damage the quality of the crop. Grapes set earlier than normal, early June, and combined with cool weather patterns, led to a longer hang time for more even ripeness and maturity.

Barrel Aging

24 Months French Oak – Nevers.

Cuvee

95% Cabernet Sauvignon / 5% Merlot

Alcohol

13.8%

Tasting Notes

“...reveals a saturated purple color and a huge, smoky, chocolaty, cassis-scented nose. Massive, superbly extracted black-cherry flavors are nicely touched by new oak and presented in a full-bodied, multi-dimensional format. The blockbuster finish goes on and on...” **93 – Robert Parker, Wine Advocate**