

MONTICELLO

CORLEY FAMILY VINEYARDS

1997 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*.

Release Date November 1, 2000
210 cases (750 ml); 17 cases (Magnums); 20 Double Magnums; 4 Jeroboams

Vineyard Locations **Cabernet Sauvignon – Napa Valley**
Rutherford: 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.
St Helena: This small vineyard on Ehlers Lane was planted in the early 1970's and produces cabernet sauvignon of great power and intensity that gives rich black-fruit character and rich texture to the wine.

Harvest Dates / Brix Sep 12 – 25, 1997 an average Brix of 24.5

Vintage 1997 vintage is regarded to be among the best of a series of excellent vintages in the last decade. The long, consistent, dry growing season resulted in extra hang-time adding an extra dose of physiologically ripeness resulting in extremely rich, deep texture and concentrated ripe berry fruit.

Barrel Aging 24 Months French Oak – Nevers, 33% New

Cuvee 30% Tietjen Vineyard / 70% Ehlers Lane Vineyard

Alcohol 14.1%

Tasting Notes “Sports an explosively fruity nose of berry and plum, with cloves and toasty oak in support. Medium-weight with very nice fruit and good structure, it displays some engaging chocolate and spice notes. The finish is brisk and tangy, with bitter cocoa notes and firm, drying tannins.” - **91 Rating Wine Enthusiast – November 2000**