



MONTICELLO VINEYARDS
CORLEY FAMILY NAPA VALLEY

Chateau M

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.

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. This release marks our sixth since 1982.

This wine comes mostly from the 1997 harvest but we have added just over 5% of Chateau M from previous years to enhance the rich flavors and add additional layers of complexity. The 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 was briefly interrupted by a few afternoons of soft rain that make this wine possible.

The grapes are grown on our estate owned vineyards in the Oak Knoll District of the Napa Valley: our Home Ranch Vineyard and our Knollwood Vineyard. This region of Napa Valley provides a cool climate from which we produce grapes that are lush with rich flavors and an abundance of fruit.

The Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc were aged in French oak separately for almost three years and then blended together and allowed to 'marry' in oak before bottling.

Tasting Notes *The nose is rich in candied fruit and honey and the golden amber color signals that sweet, full flavors of pear and apricot nectar on the palate and the long luscious finish that will only continue to deepen and lengthen with age. The sweet nectar is also enhanced with the nutty overtones from the long aging in French oak.*

Vineyard Locations **Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc - Napa Valley: Oak Knoll District**
Home Ranch Vineyard: Our home ranch estate was established in 1970. The Semillon and Sauvignon Blanc plantings date from the original plantings and we find that the age of these vines enhances the complexity of the resulting wines when affected with botrytis have great depth of fruit and tremendous aromatics.

Harvest Dates / Brix September 19, 1997 at 36.0 Brix

Barrel Aging Aged 36 Months in French Oak

Cuvee 90% Semillon and 10% Sauvignon Blanc

Alcohol 14.1% (Residual Sugar 8.4%)
