



CORLEY FAMILY NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE 1997

MONTICELLO VINEYARDS

Cabernet Sauvignon

Tietjen Vineyard - Rutherford, Napa Valley

In the 1980s our good friend and partner, Hugh Tietjen, acquired a small parcel in the Rutherford area of Napa Valley. This location was selected as an ideal site to grow cabernet sauvignon for Monticello. The majority of the wine from the Tietjen Vineyard is blended with wines from our other vineyards to create either our CORLEY RESERVE Cabernet Sauvignon, the Monticello Vineyards *Jefferson Cuvee* Cabernet Sauvignon, or most recently, the CORLEY *Proprietary Red Wine*.

This vineyard, like each of ours, carries its own signature stamp - *Elegance!* We offer a very limited amount of this wine as a single vineyard designated cabernet sauvignon and in any given year 30 - 40 barrels will be produced.

Tietjen Vineyard - Rutherford

Located not far from the base of the Mayacamas Mountains on the western side of Napa Valley, this 7-acre property was planted in the 1980s entirely to cabernet sauvignon. Two clones were selected, including the much-respected Clone #8 and a special selection of budwood we refer to as the 'Cope' Clones. The vineyard is laid out in two north - south oriented blocks for each of these clones.

The wine is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from this vineyard. Unblended, un-fined, unfiltered and unforgettable!

Harvest Dates / Brix September 25, 1997 at 26.2 Brix

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 an extremely rich, deep texture and concentrated ripe berry fruit

Barrel Aging 30 months in French oak - 25% new oak

Alcohol 14.1%

Tasting Notes The wine is a deep garnet color with refined and rich flavors of cassis and berries. Intense aromas of currants, blackberries, cedar and vanilla lead to a powerful and rich core of well integrated tannins and a long, full finish.
