



CORLEY FAMILY NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE 1999

CORLEY

Proprietary Red Wine

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 and Pinot Noir on the five small vineyard sites in the Oak Knoll, Yountville, Rutherford and St. Helena appellations of Napa Valley.

The Story

In 1990 we envisioned a rich opulent wine blended from Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot. We were already producing world-class Cabernet Sauvignon that is grown in Yountville, Rutherford and St Helena and Merlot that is grown on our two vineyards in the Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley so we planted three different clones of Cabernet Franc (Clone 'X', #332 and #312) in two sites each on our Home Ranch Vineyard and our Knollwood Vineyard, both in the Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley.

Cuvee

45% Cabernet Franc; 45% Merlot; 10% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vintage

1999 saw a very long hang time without any rain from early April through to an Indian summer during harvest. We harvested clean and healthy fruit with excellent acidity and full ripe flavors. We felt that Vintage 1999 was the ideal vintage from which to debut this wine as it represents one of the finest vintages of the century that placed Napa Valley firmly on the world wine stage.

The Vineyards and The Varietals

Cabernet Sauvignon

*Tietjen Vineyard
Rutherford
Napa Valley*

Our Cabernet Sauvignon from this vineyard on Niebaum Lane in Rutherford is a consistent favorite. The wine from this vineyard shows a great core of red berry and black fruit with tremendous brightness. It also adds suppleness to the texture of the wine and an elegant long finish.

Cabernet Franc

*Knollwood Vineyard
Oak Knoll District
Napa Valley*

Cabernet Franc clones #332, #312 and 'Clone X' are planted to this 30-acre vineyard site. The Cabernet Franc from these plantings bring spicy aromas and a velvety texture to the wine.

Merlot

*Home Ranch Vineyard
Oak Knoll District
Napa Valley*

The Merlot in the wine comes from Clones #181 and #6 planted to #3309 rootstock. The Merlot offers gorgeous blue-berry and red berry flavors and aromatics. The bright fruit is accompanied by a suppleness that shows in the mouth-feel of the final wine.