



CORLEY FAMILY NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE 2000

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 Wine:** Our CORLEY Proprietary Red Wine is, in a sense, a contemporary wine - a wine that while collectable for long cellaring distinguishes itself by showing opulent fruit and rich texture earlier in the wine's life. We trust that you will enjoy it from the moment that the wine is released as well as in the years to follow.

**Tasting Notes:** *Our CORLEY Proprietary Red Wine is a rich and opulent blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot displaying the full, rich, deep, dark concentrated flavors of Cabernet Sauvignon with the body and spiciness of Cabernet Franc and the fruit and suppleness of Merlot. The wine has aromatics of dark red berry laced with cassis, anise, black-currant; the entry is smooth and well textured from attack through to the long finish of ripe berry flavors and creamy toasty oak.*

19 Barrels - 425 cases equivalents produced.

**Vintage** Vintage 2000 will be a classic year for red wines, thanks to an ideal Napa Valley growing season - hot days and cool nights were only interrupted twice: once in June with a heat spike and once in September with a little rain. The slightly cooler days in September gave the grapes extra time to hang and reach a greater physiological ripeness. The wines immediately exhibited fully developed flavors and excellent color.

#### The Vineyards and The Varietals

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.

**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**  
*Knollwood Vineyard*  
Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley

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