



MONTICELLO VINEYARDS
CORLEY FAMILY NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE 2001

CORLEY

Home Ranch Vineyard - Estate Grown Chardonnay

Block No. 1 - Heirloom Clone

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 Vineyard and The Wine

In the early 1970s we identified a distinctive flavor profile in a particular planting of our chardonnay. In the 1980s it became a distinct and recognizable flavor component of our Chardonnay. In early 1990s when we were replanting our Home Ranch Vineyard we carefully selected bud wood that would re-propagate the clone that we identified as responsible for this proprietary aromatic and taste profile, our Heirloom Clone.

We selected the 4 acre Block I on our Home Ranch Vineyard as the premium site to replant this clone on 5c rootstock. It is managed for extremely low yields to concentrate the proprietary flavor profile of the grapes from this site. This offering is our second sub-vineyard and clonally designated wine that we have offered under our CORLEY designated wines.

The uniqueness of Block No. 1 - Heirloom Clones chardonnay lends itself to less winemaking intervention. By utilizing wild yeast fermentation, we achieve a longer, cooler ferment which helps to maintain aromatics and flavors in the resulting wine. Malo-lactic fermentation was not used to allow the wine to maintain its very focused tropical and exotic fruit profile. The lees stirring was less aggressive with this wine than our CORLEY RESERVE Chardonnay, as we were not looking for as much contribution of flavor or mouth-feel from "battonage". This wine should appeal to those who enjoy a full-bodied wine, yet still appreciate the balancing effects and freshness of a wine with crisp acidity.

Tasting Notes

Our 2001 CORLEY *Home Ranch Vineyard* Chardonnay, Block No. 1 - Heirloom Clone displays the proprietary characteristics we have found in this planting of our chardonnay since the early 1970s. Lush tropical fruit aromas such as tangerine, mandarin orange, and pineapple are followed by flavors of grapefruit, lemon, lime and pears. A crisp attack leads into a full bodied mouth-feel with well structured angles and a firm finish.

Vintage

Vintage 2001 will be remembered for its early start, quick growing season, and beautiful summer weather. The conditions produced healthy vineyards that delivered seamlessly ripe, well-balanced, aromatic and flavorful wines.
