



MONTICELLO VINEYARDS
CORLEY FAMILY NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE 2003

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

Tasting Notes

Our 2003 CORLEY Proprietary Red Wine is another great representative of the vintage, in which these 'Bordeaux' varietals are showing an amazing depth of quality in aromatics, flavors and texture. The Vintage, in general - and certainly this wine, is once again tending toward early enjoyment *and* graceful aging!

The aromas are deep and dark, conjuring up plums, dark berry jams, cedar and pencil lead. The texture of the wine is full and rich, yet is framed with firm and straightforward tannin. The finish is lingering and the tannins fall off the back of the tongue to reveal a nice fatness of fruit. Our Vintage 2003 has intertwined characteristics of the previous three vintages. As is often the case, Cabernet Franc is the predominant varietal (55%), followed by Merlot (25%) and a good dose of Cabernet Sauvignon makes up the balance (20%).

Vineyards

Cabernet Franc

Home Ranch Vineyard and Knollwood Vineyard - Napa Valley, Oak Knoll District

Clones 312 and 332

The Cabernet Franc from these plantings brings spicy aromas and a velvety texture to the wine.

Merlot

Knollwood Vineyard - Napa Valley, Oak Knoll District

Clone 181

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.

Cabernet Sauvignon

Tietjen Vineyard on Niebaum Lane - Napa Valley, Rutherford

Cope Clone

The Cabernet Sauvignon from this vineyard shows a great core of berry fruit with tremendous brightness. It also adds an elegance and suppleness to the texture of the wine.

Vintage

Vintage 2003 is one that will be remembered for producing a wine with high quality and an intensity of flavors as a result of some early rains and late heat spikes that contributed to lower overall yields.

Barrel Aging 25 Months in French Oak

Alcohol 14.5%
