



MONTICELLO VINEYARDS
CORLEY FAMILY NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE 2004
CORLEY RESERVE

Cabernet Sauvignon

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

Aromatics of red berries, blackberry, cherry, coffee, vanilla with a nice thread of sweet oak woven through the wine. Flavors as expected follow similarly mostly noted with dark berry, bittersweet chocolate, and cassis. This wine once again shows nice consistency and balance throughout the entire experience - from the aromatics through to the finish. It has a full, rich attack that coats the mouth with vibrant ripe tannin. The finish is full and lingers on the back of the palate with firm, but appropriate tannin. This wine is drinking very well now, and should continue to develop and be enjoyed in the decade to come. - Chris Corley, Winemaker

2004 was an early harvest for many in Napa Valley. All of the grapes used for this blend were harvested during the first two weeks of September. Our winemaking strategy for 2004 was to achieve maximum extraction in the early stages of the fermentation. The wine was inky dark within a couple days of crushing, and the dark berry flavors and aromas were oozing into the must as well.

The two Cabernet lots that went into this blend were a real joy to work with during the fermentation. The fermentation aromas were immensely pleasurable, and one of my favorite activities during the 2004 harvest was making my rounds to taste these two lots.

The macerations were fairly short, only about 8-9 days on the skins, with no pre or post cold soaks. My aim was to get to the core of deep dark fruit in the grapes, which we accomplished.

Varietals and Vineyards

Cabernet Sauvignon (89%)

State Lane Vineyard - Yountville, Napa Valley

This Cabernet Sauvignon shows a great core of deep, dark black fruits with big, rich, chewy tannins - Blockbuster Napa Cabernet Sauvignon.

Yewell Vineyard on Ehlers Lane - St Helena, Napa Valley

The Cabernet Sauvignon from this vineyard is of great depth, character, and intensity and gives to our wine deep black-fruit character and rich texture.

Cabernet Franc (11%) Knollwood Vineyard - Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley

Cabernet Franc from this vineyard adds spicy aromatics and red fruit character to the wine.
