



MONTICELLO VINEYARDS
CORLEY FAMILY NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE 2005
CORLEY RESERVE
Estate Grown Chardonnay

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

The Vintage 2005 CORLEY RESERVE Estate Grown Chardonnay offers aromatics of pears and figs, and toasted oak. There is a nice mineral tone and the influence of aging and stirring on the yeast lees also comes through in the aromatics. The mouthfeel is firmly balanced, carrying the fruit flavors and mineral tones across the palate. The toasty oak also gives the wine a very slightly firm mouthfeel, despite the low acidity, which works in the wines favor when being enjoyed with food.

Vineyard Location

Home Ranch Vineyard - Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

Our Chardonnay vineyard in the Oak Knoll district of Napa Valley is planted with four different clones of Chardonnay (our Heirloom Clones and Dijon Clones #76, #95, #96, each to 420A rootstock. The Dijon clones produce Chardonnay grapes with well balanced, rich, bright, chardonnay fruit flavors and aromatics. Our Heirloom Clone layers exotic tropical aromatics and a bright acidity onto classic chardonnay fruit characteristics.

Vineyards, Vintage and Vinification

Harvest Dates / Brix	September 23 - 27, 2005, 24.8 Brix average, Alcohol 14.1%
Vintage	2005 was one of the most memorable vintages in recent years. Not only did we have a large crop, the quality was high across the board. We were able to let some of our Chardonnay blocks ripen for about two weeks longer than usual, resulting in some very nice aromatic and flavor components.
Vinification	The CORLEY RESERVE Chardonnay is crafted in a rich style. The grapes are the finest from the vintage and their rich ripe complex character allow us to utilize higher levels of malo-lactic fermentation and new oak while still maintaining a balanced wine.
Barrel Aging	11 Months in French Oak, 60% New
Alcohol	14.1%
