



MONTICELLO VINEYARDS

CORLEY RESERVE

Chardonnay

ESTATE GROWN IN THE NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE 2007

TASTING NOTES

The CORLEY RESERVE Estate Grown Chardonnay has very expressive aromas of lemon meringue, banana, figs and cream, nicely laced with sweet vanilla oak. The palate is richly textured and has a nice full mouthfeel while maintaining a vibrant acidity. For me this is what makes this wine special. Vibrancy and richness are beautiful aspects when they complement each other well. I find ripe flavors of fig, fresh apricot and pear, which tend towards apples and citrus on the finish.

This wine is drinking well upon release, but with its full fruit profile and vibrant acidity, I figure it will continue to improve and drink well through 2014.

- Chris Corley, Winemaker

VINEYARDS, VINTAGE AND VINIFICATION

Home Ranch Vineyard *Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley*

Our CORLEY RESERVE Chardonnay has been a very exciting wine for us. We were generally excited about our 'burgundian' varietals in 2007, and particularly our CORLEY RESERVE Chardonnay. It is a very expressive wine. In 2007, the wines were particularly fresh and vibrant and showing really nice pure tones at the end of primary fermentation, so I decided to throttle back our Malo-Lactic Fermentation (MLF) levels for the vintage to let the fruit shine. We used 30% New French Oak, and were pretty aggressive in stirring the lees every couple of weeks for the first 5 months of aging, then tapering off to let the wine settle down and clarify leading up to bottling.

Two of the 10 barrels used in this blend were fermented with Wild Yeasts and had really expressive bright fruit aromatics and nice textural richness. These barrels balanced very well with the inoculated barrels, bringing out flavors, aromas and textures that were really fun to play with. The wine is 100% Chardonnay so blending trials really translate into barrel selection. Because this wine is entirely barrel-fermented, each barrel has differences. Even barrels from the same lot have nuances that affect the blend.

Oak - 20 Months in French Oak, 30% New

Alcohol - 14.2%

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.