



MONTICELLO VINEYARDS

CORLEY RESERVE

Chardonnay

ESTATE GROWN IN THE NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE 2008

TASTING NOTES

This wine is displaying nice aromas of pears, figs and honey on the nose. I find subtle floral and citrus notes on the nose as well, which really are a nice balance to the richer fruit aromas. On the palate the wine is rich and full bodied for a Chardonnay, but maintains an appropriate acidity to keep the structure of the wine in balance and the finish vibrant. The fruit is ripe and the texture of the wine has a compelling balance of viscosity and vibrancy simultaneously. The finish is lingering and has a mildly spicy tone that is very appealing.

This wine is drinking well upon release, but with its full fruit profile 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*

These two sections were harvested separately within a couple of days of each other. Both lots were whole cluster pressed to stainless steel tanks for two days of cold settling. The juice was then racked to barrels for wild yeast fermentation. The fermentations moved along slowly at a relatively cool temperature of 55F. The majority of the barrels took between 45-60 days to ferment completely dry. During aging in barrels, we stirred the yeast lees every other week for the first 6 months of aging. This adds texture and increases body in the wines mouth-feel and helps impart a nice characteristic flavor in the wine. As we began the deep dive for our Reserve Chardonnay, the barrels were numbered for later selection. From Block 1, we selected 5 barrels (No.1,3,5,7,9) and from Block 4, we selected 7 barrels (Nos. 1,2,4,9,10,11,13). These individual barrels were tasting fantastic in and of themselves but even more special when put together on the blending table.

Oak - 20 Months in French Oak, 30% New

Alcohol - 14.2%

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