



MONTICELLO VINEYARDS

Merlot

ESTATE GROWN IN THE NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE 2009

TASTING NOTES

Our 2009 Estate Grown Merlot is a rich, well balanced wine. The aromas are full of berry fruits with nicely integrated lightly toasted oak aromas. The palate is very expressive and is displaying a wonderful balance. The roundness of the Merlot is balanced by its own acidity and also the nicely integrated tannin structure of the Cabernet Franc. The finish is long and full. Drink Now Through 2021.

- Chris Corley, Winemaker

VINEYARDS, VINTAGE AND VINIFICATION

Home Ranch Vineyard *Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley*

Knollwood Vineyard *Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley*

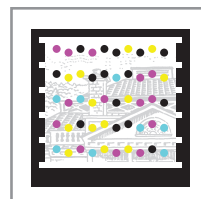
Vineyard Soils *Pleasanton & Yolo Series Loam*

Our Merlot vineyards are planted to Clones #181 and #314 on #3309 and #420A rootstock. The grapes are lush and power packed with intense berry flavors and an abundance of bright fruit.

The 2009 Merlot continues a long tradition of well-balanced wines for us with this varietal. One of the great aspects of growing this varietal in our Oak Knoll District region is that we can fully ripen the fruit while still maintaining ample acidity in the grapes at harvest. This is due to our unique location from which we can benefit from the warmth of the southern alley but also the cool bay breezes each afternoon.

Oak - 18 Months in French Oak, 50% New

Alcohol - 14.1%



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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.