



MONTICELLO VINEYARDS
CORLEY FAMILY NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE 2005
MONTICELLO VINEYARDS
Rosé of Syrah

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

Classic Rosé!

Our Vintage 2005 MONTICELLO VINEYARDS Rose of Syrah offers aromatics are bubble-gum fruit, berry, and cherry. The mouthfeel is crisp and dry, with flavors of light red berries, and even some additional and pleasantly unexpected notes of peach and apricot.

The wine is an easy drinker, meant to be enjoyed out of an ice chest while you are letting the barbeque warm-up. It's crisp acidity and bright, easy fruit flavors are refreshing, and also pair up well with a fruit salad. Some might even enjoy it as a palate cleanser or as a counterbalance to a sweet dish.

Vineyard Information

Knollwood Vineyard - Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

Our Syrah plantings at our Knollwood Vineyard in the Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley is planted to Clones #174 and #470. These are ENTAV Clones and they are produce grapes that yield full-bodied, deeply colored wines. Both clones are considered to provide lower relative yields, and are considered to have smaller cluster weights as they relate to other syrah clones.

Harvest and Vinification

This is a fun wine to make. Our Syrah is naturally so deep in color, that in making the rose, we can only leave the juice in contact with the skins for fifteen minutes or less, as we learned in 2004.

In this vintage, we had about twelve to fifteen minutes skin contact prior to removing the juice for the rose (saignee). The juice was fermented to dryness in older (neutral) white barrels at very cool temperatures (50-60F) to promote a long, slow fermentation.

The wine was bottled dry in the spring and is 100% pure Syrah.