



MONTICELLO VINEYARDS

Syrah

ESTATE GROWN IN THE NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE 2008

TASTING NOTES

This wine is showing very intense and expressive aromas of dark blackberry fruits, herbal and Indian spices, and vanilla and cinnamon. On the palate, the wine is tremendous, showing great depth and balance. The wine has a powerful texture and mid-palate while maintaining a balance of acidity which keeps it fresh through to the finish. The flavors are smooth and balanced, alternating between velvety sweet chocolate, and vibrant cinnamon, cola and vanilla. Drink Now through 2015.

- Chris Corley, Winemaker

VINEYARDS, VINTAGE AND VINIFICATION

Knollwood Vineyard *Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley*

The wine is composed of two clones of Syrah - Clones #174 and #470.

Our Syrah plantings at our Knollwood Vineyard in the Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley are planted to Clones #174 and #470. These are Entologic Clones and they 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.

This is our fifth varietally-bottled Syrah. As we were so pleased with our first vintages, we have continued our program of bottling a 100% Syrah.

These grapes were hand sorted prior to crushing and fermented in small bins. The bins were punched down by hand and the grapes were pressed after a relatively short skin maceration of only 8-10 days. We were excited to extract all of the depth of fruit and color from the grapes, while leaving behind some of the more astringent elements that can be extracted in the latter phases of a Syrah fermentation. The grapes were gently pressed and racked to barrels where they aged in 100% New American Oak barrels for 18 months. We utilized barrels from forests in Virginia and Pennsylvania for this wine. The wine was gently racked every four months to provide clarification and breaths of fresh air.

Oak - 18 Months in American Oak, 100% 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.