



MONTICELLO VINEYARDS  
CORLEY FAMILY NAPA VALLEY

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VINTAGE 2007

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*Rosé*

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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.

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### Harvest and Vinification

This wine is the “Rose de Sangre Fresca” (fresh blood) of the vintage. As macabre as the name may sound it is an appropriate description of the technique used for creating such a unique rose from select lots of grapes.

Almost immediately - typically within 10-30 minutes - upon crushing the grapes into the fermentor, we ‘bleed’ off the fresh juice, which has just taken on a very light pink color from its short contact with the skins. This sweet pink juice is fermented in stainless steel at very cool temperatures to help it maintain it’s floral and spice aromas and bright spicy texture.

Bleeding the fresh juice is a technique we use with select lots and at the winemaker’s discretion. In 2007, with lots from multiple varietals - Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Cabernet Franc as well as Chardonnay - I thought it would be fun to play around with a blend of the different varietals and bottle a single rose for the vintage.

The Chardonnay that was used in the blend was from a lower sugar section in one of our blocks. In playing around with the blend, the Chardonnay really brightened up the wine by lifting its acidity and adding a very nice citrus element to the aroma and flavor profile.

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### Tasting Notes

As the blend is comprised of a variety of wines, so is the wine itself comprised of a variety of aromas and flavors. I find bright fruity, floral, citrus and melon aromas. The wine has a medium texture (keep in mind that many of the lots it was created from were fully ripe “big red” varietals) but also a very nice balanced acidity (from the Chardonnay lot that was blended in). In the end the wine is bright lively and has a crisp refreshing finish.

I recommend chilling this wine and drinking this year - Chris Corley, Winemaker

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