



MONTICELLO VINEYARDS

Tietjen Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

VINTAGE 2009

TASTING NOTES

The 2009 Tietjen Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is another classic. Dark red fruit, loads of sweet vanilla and mocha oak. The texture is very rich with a big and full mid-palate and the tannins frame the wine wonderfully. The finish is long and the tannins are smooth. The wine is powerfully elegant - a trait that we have found consistently in this wine since our first Vintage in 1989.

VINEYARDS, VINTAGE AND VINIFICATION

Tietjen Vineyard Rutherford, Napa Valley

In the 1980s our good friend and partner, Hugh Tietjen, acquired a small parcel in the Rutherford area of Napa Valley. This location was selected as an ideal site to grow Cabernet Sauvignon for Monticello Vineyards. Located not far from the base of the Mayacamas Mountains on the western side of Napa Valley, this 7-acre property was planted in the 1980s entirely to Cabernet Sauvignon. Two clones were selected, including the much-respected Clone #8 and a special selection of bud wood we refer to as the 'Cope' Clones. The majority of the wine from the Tietjen Vineyard is blended with wines from our other vineyards to create our CORLEY RESERVE Cabernet Sauvignon, the Monticello Vineyards Jefferson Cuvée Cabernet Sauvignon, and the CORLEY Proprietary Red Wine.

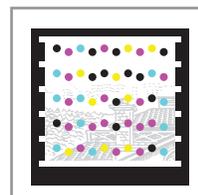
*Oak - 22 Months in 100% New French Oak, Medium Plus Toast, Tight Grained
Alcohol - 14.2%*

Rutherford Sub-Appellation

Climate: Moderately warm, still marginally influenced by early morning fog. Western bench area is cooler, with less late afternoon sun, tempered by afternoon marine winds. Usual summer peak temperatures are mid-90°F with good diurnal (the daily swing of temperature) range.

Soils: Western benchland is sedimentary, gravelly-sandy and alluvial, with good water retention and moderate fertility.

Principal Characteristics: This is "Cabernet Country." Quite intense cherry and mineral, almost earthy aromas, flavors are full, ripe, and notably currant with firm, but supple tannins for extended aging.



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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.