



MONTICELLO VINEYARDS  
CORLEY FAMILY NAPA VALLEY

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VINTAGE 2005  
MONTICELLO VINEYARDS  
*Estate Grown Merlot*

Napa Valley, Oak Knoll District

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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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**Tasting Notes**

Our Vintage 2005 Estate Grown Merlot shows aromatics of classic red berry - cherry, strawberry, raspberry, hints floral notes and a touch of new French oak. The flavors follow with more red berry and are framed by gentle oak and moderate tannins. Medium-bodied in structure, the wine is very well balanced. It has a silky, but full texture and finishes long. This wine is drinking great now, and should be enjoyed now through 2012.

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**Vineyards, Vintage and Vinification**

*Home Ranch Vineyard* - Napa Valley, Oak Knoll District

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.

*Home Ranch Vineyard and Knollwood Vineyard*

Our Cabernet Franc vineyards are planted to Clone 'X', #312, #327 and #332 and bring red fruit and medium-bodied structure to the wine.

**Vintage** 2005 was a fantastic year for our Merlot. The Merlot which makes up more than 80% of this blend was the last batch of grapes we picked at Monticello for the entire vintage. Due to the moderate weather late in the season, we were able to let the grapes just hang on the vines and continue to develop, without worrying about the sugars increasing. It's a great situation that doesn't happen every year. I think it allowed us to naturally achieve some great flavors in the vineyard.

**Barrel Aging** 18 Months French Oak

**Alcohol** 14.1%

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