



CORLEY FAMILY NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE 2000

CORLEY

Home Ranch Vineyard

Chardonnay

Dijon Clones

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 and Pinot Noir on the five small vineyard sites in the Oak Knoll, Yountville, Rutherford and St. Helena appellations of Napa Valley.

The Wine:

In early 1990s when we were replanting our Home Ranch Vineyard we carefully selected three Dijon Clones to add to our 'Heirloom Clone' from our original plantings in 1970. We selected Dijon Clones #76, #95, and #96.

This offering is our first 'Dijon Clones' designated wine that we have offered under our CORLEY designated wines. We plan to continue to produce micro lots of wine that display distinctive and proprietary flavor profiles of the multitude of vineyard and clonal plantings that we have in our small estate vineyards in the Oak Knoll, Rutherford, Yountville and St Helena appellations.

Tasting Notes

Our 2000 CORLEY *Home Ranch Vineyard* Chardonnay, Dijon Clone offers a fitting insight into the complexity of our Home Ranch Vineyard Chardonnay. Dijon Clones are the yin to the yang of our Heirloom Clone. Truly burgundian in character these clones and this wine show somewhat spicy and toasty aromatics and classic apple and pear flavors followed by luscious lemon meringue and crème brulee on the finish.

Vintage

The 2000 vintage follows 1999 as an excellent year for both our Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. A cool Spring allowed the grapes allowed the grapes to develop slowly early on. A heat spike in mid-June gave us a little jump start into the ripening process, and July through August we experienced day after day of moderate temperatures and tons of sunshine. In the beginning of September, things cooled down a little bit which allowed the grapes to develop some great flavors and maintain good acidity.

Vineyard Locations

Home Ranch Vineyard - Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

Harvest Dates / Brix

September 14 - 19 2001 at an average 23.7 Brix

Vinification

Fermentation in French oak barrel at an average of 50 degrees. Sur lie aging with weekly stirring for 11 Months
