



CORLEY FAMILY NAPA VALLEY

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VINTAGE 1999  
**MONTICELLO VINEYARDS**  
*Estate Grown Merlot*

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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 and Pinot Noir on the 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 1999 Estate Grown Merlot displays intense aromatics of blueberries, red berries, black fruits, and roasted nuts along with toasted oak. Medium to full-bodied, it shows a luxurious richness of sweet fruit flavors with moderate tannin levels. The bright fruit is accompanied by a suppleness that shows in the mouth-feel of the final wine. Although ready to drink today our Merlots are well structured and age well.*

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**Vineyard Locations** *Home Ranch Vineyard and Knollwood Vineyard - Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley*

Our Merlot vineyards are planted to Clones #181 and #6 on #3309 rootstock. Our Merlot grapes are lush and power packed with intense berry flavors and an abundance of bright fruit.

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**Harvest Dates / Brix** October 4 - 9, 1999 at an average 24.3 Brix

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**Vintage** Vintage 1999 saw a very long hang time without any rain from early April through to an Indian summer during harvest. We harvested clean and healthy fruit with excellent acidity and full ripe flavors. The 1999 Vintage is also garnering a reputation as one of the great vintages of the last 30 years in Napa Valley, not to mention that it is the last vintage of the century that established Napa Valley, without doubt, as one of, if not, *the premier growing area of the world.*

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**Barrel Aging** 20 Months French Oak

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**Alcohol** 14.1

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