



CORLEY FAMILY NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE 2000
MONTICELLO VINEYARDS
Estate Grown Merlot

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.

Tasting Notes *Our Vintage 2000 Estate Grown Merlot displays aromatics of blueberries, black olives and slight spiciness of bay leaves. Medium to full-bodied, it shows flavors of blueberry, black cherry, coffee and cedar. The luxurious richness of the sweet berry fruit is joined by well integrated tannins on the attack and finish. Overall the wine is seamless from attack to its lingering finish. Although ready to drink today our Merlots are well structured and age well.*

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

Our Merlot vineyards are planted to Clones #181 and #314 on #3309 and #420A rootstock. Our Merlot grapes are lush and power packed with intense berry flavors and an abundance of bright fruit.

Harvest Dates / Brix *September 17, 21, 26 and October 9, 2000 at an average 24.5 Brix*

Vintage *Vintage 2000 will be a classic year for red wines, thanks to an ideal Napa Valley growing season - hot days and cool nights that were only interrupted twice: once in June with a little extra heat and once in September with a little rain. The slightly cooler days in September gave the grapes a break from the heat and added a little extra hang time resulting in fully developed flavors and excellent color.*

Barrel Aging *20 Months French Oak*

Alcohol *14.4*
