



CORLEY FAMILY NAPA VALLEY

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VINTAGE 2001  
**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 2001 Estate Grown Merlot shows aromatics of blueberry, black licorice, mocha and vanilla. The flavors follow with blackberry, blueberry and raspberry. Overall, the attack is full, following through to a full, rich mouth-feel with firm tannins and a long and luxurious finish. Although ready to drink today our Merlots are well structured and age well.

*“Our Merlot on its own is a very lush wine, full of berry ripeness and rich texture, yet maintaining balanced acidity. The addition of Cabernet Franc in this wine adds an additional dimension of aromatics and mouth-feel to the wine.*

*One of my goals in winemaking is to avoid unnecessary intervention. A relatively low level of new oak and a lack of filtration do well with this wine. The slight sediment found on the cork or on the bottle upon opening is entirely natural, absolutely safe, and should assure you that this wine has not been “Over-tinkered.” - Chris Corley, Winemaker*

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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 #314 on #3309 and #420A rootstock. The grapes are lush and power packed with intense berry flavors and an abundance of bright fruit.

Our Cabernet Franc vineyards are planted to Clones #332, #312 and Clone X. Our Cabernet Franc is extremely aromatic and has an excellent backbone of structural tannins.

**Harvest Dates / Brix**    October 10 & 11, 2001 at an average 24.5 Brix, Alcohol 14.1  
**Barrel Aging**            19 Months French Oak, 25% New

**Vintage**                    Vintage 2001 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. 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.



This certification mark guarantees a wine to be made 100% from grapes grown, produced and bottled in the Napa Valley. We are proud participants of the “100% Napa Valley” Certification Mark program. Look for the mark on the back label of our 2001 Monticello Vineyards Estate Grown Merlot.