



Merlot

ESTATE GROWN IN THE NAPA VALLEY
VINTAGE 2006

TASTING NOTES

Our Estate Grown Merlot displays pleasing bright fruit aromas of cherry and cranberry. There are subtle background tones of vanilla and oak which accent the fruit. The wine has a rich sweetness in the core that is well framed by the moderate tannins. In the finish, I find some subtle chocolate and coffee flavors. This wine is drinking well now and should be enjoyed now through 2013.

- Chris Corley, Winemaker

VINEYARDS, VINTAGE AND VINIFICATION

Home Ranch Vineyard *Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley*

Knollwood Vineyard *Oak Knoll District, 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.

2006 was another great year for our Bordeaux varieties, much like the preceding vintage, 2005. 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.

Oak - 18 Months in French Oak, 33% New

Alcohol - 14.2%

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.