



MONTICELLO VINEYARDS

CORLEY

Yewell Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

ESTATE GROWN IN THE NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE 2006

TASTING NOTES

The inaugural offering of the Corley “Yewell Vineyard” shows off the tremendous intensity from this vineyard. The 2006 vintage is a full, rich, complete wine. Boasting a complex range of red and dark fruits, the wine also shows roasted nuts, coffee and toasty oak. This full bodied wine should age effortlessly for many years to come.

- Chris Corley, Winemaker

VINEYARDS, VINTAGE AND VINIFICATION

Yewell Vineyard *St. Helena, Napa Valley*

The Yewell Vineyard is a tiny property located on Ehlers Lane in the St. Helena sub-appellation of Napa Valley. The fruit from this vineyard has been coming to Monticello Vineyards since approximately 1982, just after the vineyard was first planted. The rocky well drained vineyard produces intense small berried clusters that produce similarly intense wines. The wine from this vineyard is both a component of the Monticello “Jefferson Cuvee” Cabernet Sauvignon as well as the Corley Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon.

About a decade ago, Nancy and Dave Yewell acquired this lovely St. Helena property. After farming it for a few years, an intensive replanting effort was initiated. Special planting materials, trellis design and systems were utilized to achieve the highest quality from this particular site. The Corley family has worked very closely and collaboratively with the Yewell family to create a stunning wine. While the wine continues as an important component of the “Jefferson Cuvee” and Corley Reserve, the 2006 vintage marks the first vineyard designated offering.

Oak - 22 Months in French Oak, 50% New

Alcohol - 14.2%

St. Helena Sub-Appellation

Climate: Warm, due to greater protection from western hills, with less fog or wind incursions. The narrowing of the valley floor provides more heat reflection off the hillsides. Mid-summer temperature peak is often in the mid- to high 90°F range (31 to 35°C).

Soils: Principally gravelly silt loams, sedimentary in origin, and gravelly alluvial soils with rock.

Principal Characteristics: ripe, violet aromas and rich, but supple flavors and firm tannins.

VINTAGE

2006 was another great year for our Bordeaux varieties, much like the 2005 vintage. Due to the moderate weather late in the season, we were able to let the grapes 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.

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.