



## MONTICELLO VINEYARDS

# Tietjen Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

ESTATE GROWN IN THE NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE 2006

### TASTING NOTES

As ever, for a true and pure 100% single vineyard bottling, this Vintage 2006 exhibits all the classic Tietjen Vineyard characteristics: The wine is fragrant with red berries and slightly spicy; flavors of dark red berries, herbs and spice, hints of vanilla carry through to the palate; and the mouthfeel is very nicely balanced and rich with a long, lingering finish. This vineyard, like each of ours, carries its own signature stamp - Elegance! We offer a very limited amount of this wine as a single vineyard designated Cabernet Sauvignon and in any given year 10 - 20 barrels will be produced.

- Chris Corley, Winemaker

### VINEYARDS, VINTAGE AND VINIFICATION

#### Tietjen Vineyard *Rutherford, Napa Valley*

In the 1980s our good friend and partner, Hugh Tietjen, acquired a small parcel in the Rutherford area of Napa Valley. This location was selected as an ideal site to grow Cabernet Sauvignon for Monticello Vineyards. Located not far from the base of the Mayacamas Mountains on the western side of Napa Valley, this 7-acre property was planted in the 1980s entirely to Cabernet Sauvignon. Two clones were selected, including the much-respected Clone #8 and a special selection of bud wood we refer to as the 'Cope' Clones. The majority of the wine from the Tietjen Vineyard is blended with wines from our other vineyards to create our CORLEY RESERVE Cabernet Sauvignon, the Monticello Vineyards Jefferson Cuvee Cabernet Sauvignon, and the CORLEY Proprietary Red Wine.

*Oak - 22 Months in French Oak, 50% New*

*Alcohol - 14.2%*

#### Rutherford Sub-Appellation

*Climate:* Moderately warm, still marginally influenced by early morning fog. Western bench area is cooler, with less late afternoon sun, tempered by afternoon marine winds. Usual summer peak temperatures are mid-90°F with good diurnal (the daily swing of temperature) range.

*Soils:* Western benchland is sedimentary, gravelly-sandy and alluvial, with good water retention and moderate fertility.

*Principal Characteristics:* This is "Cabernet Country." Quite intense cherry and mineral, almost earthy aromas, flavors are full, ripe, and notably currant with firm, but supple tannins for extended aging.

### 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.