



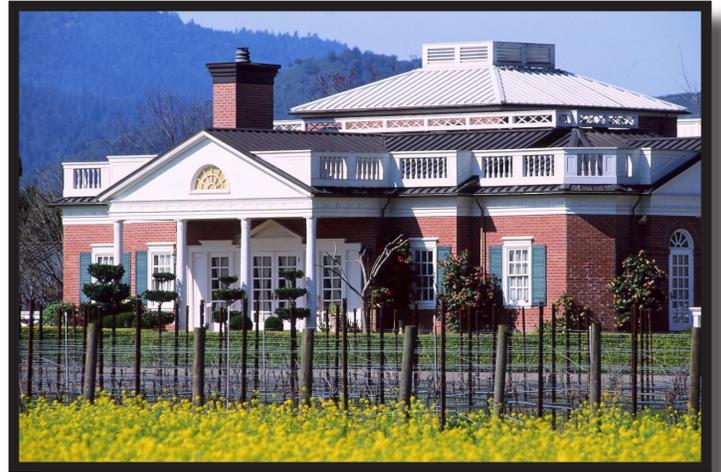
# *The Monticello Connection*

## A NOTE FROM JAY CORLEY, FOUNDER MONTICELLO VINEYARDS, NAPA VALLEY

As you probably know, both the name Jefferson, and the place Monticello - the name of Jefferson's Estate - have been used to honor Mr. Jefferson in almost every State of the Union in one fashion or another. As Mr. Jefferson was a great wine and food enthusiast, which have also been my interests, over a generation ago I decided to also honor him by doing something that he had a passion for, growing grapes and enjoying fine wines.

As background to this step, I was aware that the name Monticello had been in use in Napa County for more than 125 years, as a small cattle town in the county. That town is now under a reservoir, the largest in the area, and the dam holding the water is named Monticello Dam. The City of Napa also has two important streets named Monticello Road, and Jefferson Street. Jefferson's legacy somewhat permeates Napa today just like it did Virginia over 200 years ago.

However, one of the key reasons that I wanted to use the names had to do with the fact that The Corley Family, Richard Corley specifically, settled in Virginia in 1640, and part of our Family still remain Virginians today. Who better to honor than the greatest Virginian of all. Our Family has been in the farming business continuously for the past 360 plus years in Virginia and across the country, and farming was Mr. Jefferson's primary passion.



Further, however, is the fact that I lived on a farm in Virginia during my work as a translator for the National Security Agency. My languages include Spanish and Italian; Monticello is an Italian word meaning Little Mountain.

For the above reasons, I felt that Mr. Jefferson's love of good food, fine wine and generous hospitality was a suitable inspiration for my family to dedicate our life's work to honoring his lifestyle and his ideals.

Our Virginia Family, my interest in architecture - Monticello is built in the Palladian style originated by the Italian, Palladio - my fluency in Italian, and the fact that Jefferson's name had long been honored in Napa Valley were all very good reasons for us to develop our own traditions that also would continue to honor his name and interests.