

# The WINE ADVOCATE®

During his recent visit to Napa Valley, Robert Parker tasted through some of our current releases of what we call our 'Big Reds'. Here are some of his notes from the tasting...

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- 92** 2006 CORLEY RESERVE Cabernet Sauvignon, *Napa Valley*
  - 89** 2006 CORLEY Proprietary Red Wine, *Oak Knoll District*
  - 90+** 2006 CORLEY Yewell Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, *Saint Helena*
  - 89+** 2006 CORLEY State Lane Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, *Yountville*
  - 88+** 2006 MONTICELLO Tietjen Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, *Rutherford*
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“One of the finest offerings in this portfolio is the 2006 CORLEY Cabernet Sauvignon Yewell Vineyard (90+) from St. Helena. It offers plenty of spice box, chocolate, new saddle leather, cassis, and black cherry aromas and flavors as well as some serious tannins buried beneath all the fruit. However, this is a deep, rich, convincing wine that will benefit from 3-4 years of cellaring, and last for 15-20 years.

Even better is the 2006 CORLEY RESERVE Cabernet Sauvignon (92), probably the best wine I have tasted from Monticello in many years. Its opaque purple hue is accompanied by abundant aromas of charcoal, licorice, black currants, graphite, and a hint of new oak. Full-bodied, layered, expressive, and pure, the copious tannins are well balanced by the richness of the fruit and level of concentration. It needs 2-4 years of cellaring, and should keep for two decades.

I liked the potential of the deep ruby/purple-tinged 2006 CORLEY Cabernet Sauvignon State Lane Vineyard (89+). Lots of spicy oak, blue and black fruits, camphor, licorice, and underbrush characteristics emerge from this medium-bodied, more elegant, graceful, less concentrated effort. It should drink well for 12-15 years.

The 2006 CORLEY Proprietary Red (89) has sweet fruit, some charcoal, toast, cassis notes, medium to full body, and silky tannins. Drink it over the next 12-15 years.”

