

# VINTAGE 2002 CORLEY RESERVE

Cabernet Jauvignon

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.

# Tasting Notes

Aromatics of dark berries, mocha, vanilla, cedar and nuts lead you into a deeply full bodied wine with flavors of black berry, berry preserves, chocolate, and coffee. The attack fills the mouth with richness and volume, the texture is slightly firm with chewy tannins following into a long finish.

"Our 2002 Corley Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is the bomb! I am so excited about this vintage across the varietal board, but this is the wine I'll be breaking out with the rib-eyes on the weekend. The texture is huge, and the wine does not sacrifice finesse. State Lane Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is the backbone of the blend, providing 88 % of the wine. State Lane Cabernet, on its own, is a big powerful wine with huge shoulders that can carry other varietals across the river, but when the rapids get a little deep, it's nice to have the Rutherford Cabernet Sauvignon, and our Merlot and Cabernet Franc with their heads above water, keeping everything in balance. - Chris Corley, Winemaker

## Varietals and Vineyards

#### Cabernet Sauvignon

State Lane Vineyard - Yountville, Napa Valley

This Cabernet Sauvignon shows a great core of deep, dark black fruits with big, rich, chewy tannins - Blockbuster Napa Cabernet Sauvignon.

# Cabernet Sauvignon

Tietjen Vineyard on Niebaum Lane - Rutherford, Napa Valley

The Cabernet Sauvignon from this vineyard shows a great core of berry fruit with tremendous brightness. It also adds an elegance and suppleness to the texture of the wine.

## Cabernet Franc and Merlot

Knollwood Vineyard - Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley

This small vineyard across Big Ranch Road from our main estate is producing Merlot and Cabernet Franc fruit that is deeply concentrated. The Merlot offers bright red berry and black berry flavors with a supple texture. The Cabernet Franc offers classic red fruit flavors, spicy aromatics and a velvety texture.

Harvest Dates / Brix Sept 1 - Oct 6, 2002 at an average 25.0 - 25.5 Brix

Barrel Aging 24 Months French Oak

Alcohol 14.1%