

CORLEY FAMILY NAPA VALLEY

#### VINTAGE 2002

# MONTICELLO VINEYARDS

Zinfandel

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 and Pinot Noir on the five small vineyard sites in the Oak Knoll, Yountville, Rutherford and St. Helena appellations of Napa Valley.

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Our Vintage 2002 Zinfandel is dominated by aromas of black pepper, raspberry, cinnamon and cloves with flavors of black cherry and blueberry. This is a full bodied Zinfandel with a firm attack and a medium finish. While crafted to be enjoyed in its youth, this wine should age well for three to five years.

### **Vineyard Locations**

The 60 planted acre vineyard is a rugged, rocky site in the Chiles Valley of Napa Valley. The Zinfandel vines were planted in the mid 1980s and have matured into healthy vines producing small lush berries with an intensity of pepper. The cool Chiles Valley area allows us to let the grapes fully ripen, yet maintain their acidity.

## Harvest Dates / Brix

October 10 & 23, 2002 25.6 Brix

#### Vintage

The 2002 Vintage should prove to be a great follow-up to the spectacular 2001 releases. The two blocks of Zinfandel were harvested 13 days apart. The first picking contributes a bright, lively, spice characteristic to the blend, while the second lot contributed a lush, ripe texture to the mouthfeel. The two pickings were vinified separately, then combined about six months into the barrel aging process to create a fantastic single vineyard Zinfandel from Chiles Valley.

Barrel Aging

14 Months Hungarian Oak, 10% New Barrels

Alcohol

14.5%