



MONTICELLO VINEYARDS

CORLEY

Fietjen Vineyard Cabernet

ESTATE GROWN IN THE NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE 2008

TASTING NOTES -

The 2008 Monticello Tietjen Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is showing great aroma. Dark fruit, loads of sweet vanilla and mocha oak. The texture is very rich. The mid-palate is big and full and the tannins frame the wine wonderfully. The finish is long and the tannins are smooth. The wine has nice fine-grained tannins that we have found consistently in this wine over the years.

- Chris Corley, Winemaker

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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.



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.