



## MONTICELLO VINEYARDS

*Merlot*

ESTATE GROWN IN THE NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE 2010

### TASTING NOTES

I find dark red and purple berry aromas in this wine ... dark cherries, plum, pomegranate, hints of oak, tea leaf, dark chocolate. On the palate the wine is ripe and full bodied yet vibrant and displays a wonderful juxtaposition of round texture and defined angles. It is a rich wine with dark ripe fruit, balanced with a nice spicy character from the Cabernet Franc in the blend. The finish is long and lingering.

This wine will benefit from being gently decanted, and will age gracefully for 6-8 years.

Drink Now through 2022.

- Chris Corley, Winemaker

### VINEYARDS, VINTAGE AND VINIFICATION

**Knollwood Vineyard** *Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley*  
*76% Merlot, Clone 181*

**Home Ranch Vineyard** *Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley*  
*24% Cabernet Franc, Clones 332 & X*

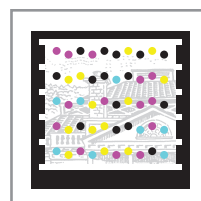
With each vintage, I am increasingly excited by the interaction of our Merlot and Cabernet Franc. The Merlot from our properties in the Oak Knoll District tends towards rich ripe and full bodied wines. Our Cabernet Franc contributes a spicy character, and a beam of tannin which reinforces the midpalate of this wine. The two varietals interact wonderfully together.

Oak - 18 Months in French Oak, 50% New

Alcohol - 14.1%

### FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTION

Apricot-Maple Glazed Pork Chops



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**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.