

## CORLEY

# Proprietary Red Wine

NAPA VALLEY
VINTAGE 2011

#### TASTING NOTES

Winemaker, Chris Corley

Our 2011 Corley Proprietary Red Wine displays a deep ruby red color. The aromas are fragrant, with dark berry fruit intertwined with light vanilla tones and lightly toasted oak in the background. On the palate, the wine is very smooth with a great core of fruit. I find the tannins moderate and the mid-palate is medium weight. The flavors are red berry and smoky with a nice lingering tone in the finish. This wine opens up wonderfully after being in the glass or decanter for an hour so. It rewards patient, thoughtful consumption. Drink Now through 2024.

#### FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTION

Beef Tips with Mushroom Sauce.

### VINEYARDS, VINTAGE AND VINIFICATION

This wine is one of my favorite wines to craft each vintage. Because we have released the restraints of varietal designation with this offering, we're free to explore the interactions and blends in combinations that we may not otherwise be able to indulge in. The cuvee is different each vintage, which makes this one of the most enjoyable and complex blending cycles to work on each vintage. We generally do the blend in three main stages – primary blending, secondary blending, final blending. These three blending cycles can span 12 months during the aging of the wine in barrel. Alcohol 14.2%

48% Cabernet Sauvignon 32% Cabernet Franc 20% Merlot



# Small Winery, Big Reputation

The allure of winegrowing led Jay Corley to Napa Valley in 1969 to purchase land for our first vineyard. Today, we farm five Napa Valley vineyards in the Oak Knoll, Yountville, Rutherford and St. Helena appellations within Napa Valley.

