

CORLEY FAMILY NAPA VALLEY



## MONTICELLO VINEYARDS

ESTATE GROWN

*Merlot*

OAK KNOLL DISTRICT | NAPA VALLEY  
VINTAGE 2014



### TASTING NOTES

This wine offers bright red cherry and raspberry aromas, accompanied by dried floral tones intertwined with hints of mocha, vanilla, and cola. On the palate, I find the wine supple and invigorating with a wonderful round midpalate that is well-balanced on a beam of acidity. The framework of gentle tannins leads into a lingering finish that is both full and bright.

### SERVING & CELLARING

Decant 15 minutes prior to serving. Drink now - 2027.

### VINEYARDS, VINTAGE & VINIFICATION

2014 was another wonderful wine-growing season in Napa Valley. A true classic. A wet February gave way to a characteristically dry spring. Except for slight heat spikes in June and then again in July, the weather remained consistent throughout the growing season. The accumulation of heat during the summer led to a slightly early harvest. The sunny weather through to October allowed the grapes to develop more phenolic and flavor maturities with sugar levels remaining steady. The 2014 vintage repeated many of the blessings that came in the 2012 and 2013 vintages, from the deeply colored and velvety grape skins and brown seeds, to fully ripened grape tannins, and a wonderful natural balance of brix and acidity. Aged 26 months in 50% new French oak barrels.

### PRODUCTION

1,600 Cases; 96% Merlot, 4% Cabernet Franc; 14.2% Alcohol

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*Excellence*

*Very few things in life are both of the moment and timeless; every time you open a Corley wine, you rediscover the original experience but with more understanding than before. ~The Corley Family*