

MONTICELLO

CORLEY FAMILY VINEYARDS

1996 Corley Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon

Limited Release—742 cases

For many years the Corley family has been hard at work growing estate grapes and producing the world class wines of Monticello Vineyards in Napa Valley. Like many things in life, age and maturity are assets to be cherished and praised. Monticello Vineyards' wines are unhurried examples of a great lineage of very limited production wines and represent a selection of the finest grapes grown on the estate owned vineyards.

Monticello Vineyards wines are subject to the very highest and most demanding standards of wine-making and the Corley Family only offers its name for the **Corley Reserve** designation on Monticello Vineyards' wines in vintages when the quality of the wine is deemed *exceedingly exceptional and age worthy*.

The 1996 Corley Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon made from estate grapes grown in Rutherford at the Tietjen Vineyard and from grapes grown at the Manker Vineyard in St. Helena. The Tietjen Vineyard is a seven and one-half acre parcel planted in the mid-1980's and produces fruit that shows great brightness and amplitude of flavors and provides great elegance to this wine. The small Manger Vineyard was planted in the early 1970's and produces fruit of great power and intensity that gives rich black-fruit character and rich texture to this wine.

The 1996 vintage turned out to be the last for Bill Manker (95 years old) and, after more than a sixty-year relationship with the Corley Family, he will be sorely missed. However, the vines like Bill himself—old and deceptively frail looking but with great power, intensity and character—remain and therefore the Corley Family and Monticello look forward to many more vintages from what is now the Yewell Vineyard.

	Wine Profile
Blend:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon 85% Tietjen Vineyard 16% Manker Vineyard
Appellation:	Napa Valley —84% Rutherford/16% St. Helena
Alcohol:	14.1%
Barrel Aging:	24 months in French oak
Barrels:	Nevers

This elegantly balanced cabernet sauvignon offers a nose of black cherry, berry, coffee and hints of eucalyptus. Flavors of black currents, plum and chocolate lead to a full-bodied wine with rich textures and medium to firm tannins.

1996: ...Received a Puff—* ...has delivered a ripe and open wine of depth and range and in so doing, has overcome the vintage tendency to dryness. Its medium-intensity aromas of raspberry and black cherry expand into suggestions of slate and pencil lead and these mineral traces are repeated in the wine's compact, moderately fruity flavors. Allow it a few years of cellaring to soften its finishing astringency and enjoy it

with a well-marbled steak or roast . ***** August, 2000