



MONTICELLO VINEYARDS
CORLEY FAMILY NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE 2002

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Jefferson Cuvee Cabernet Sauvignon

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.

Tasting Notes

Our Vintage 2002 MONTICELLO VINEYARDS Jefferson Cuvee Cabernet Sauvignon displays concentrated aromatics of blackberry, berry preserves, chocolate and coffee. The aromatics lead you into flavors of dark berries, mocha, vanilla, cedar and nuts. The wine is full-bodied and fills the mouth with richness and volume, the texture is slightly firm, yet the tannins are chewy and the finish is long.

'Our 2002 Jefferson Cuvee Cabernet Sauvignon follows up the tremendous 2001 Vintage with huge exclamation points! Although the varietal composition of the blend is very similar to 2001, the components in 2002 rely much more heavily on our Cabernet Sauvignon from our State Lane Vineyard in Yountville resulting in inky and richly textured wines, with firm tannins, and dark berry aromatics. The Cabernet Sauvignon from our Tietjen Vineyard in Rutherford vineyard contributes a brighter, uplifting red berry characteristic; the Merlot from our Home Ranch Vineyard smoothes out the tannins and contributes to the lingering finish along with the Cabernet Franc from our Knollwood Vineyards that adds spiciness to the finished wine.'

- Chris Corley, Winemaker

Vineyards, Vintage and Vinification

Vineyard Locations Since 1982 our Jefferson Cuvee Cabernet Sauvignon has highlighted our ability to blend our Bordeaux varieties from our vineyards in the very finest appellations within Napa Valley.

Cabernet Sauvignon *State Lane Vineyard* - Yountville, Napa Valley

Cabernet Sauvignon *Tietjen Vineyard on Niebaum Lane* - Rutherford, Napa Valley

Merlot *Home Ranch Vineyard* - Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley

Cabernet Franc *Knollwood Vineyard* - Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley

Cuvee 81% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot, 8% Cabernet Franc

Harvest Dates / Brix Sept 23 - September 30 at an average 25 Brix

Vintage Vintage 2002 produced a balanced grape crop that is average-to-light in terms of yield and showing excellent, intense colors and flavor concentration.

Barrel Aging 23 Months French Oak

Alcohol 14.1%