



MONTICELLO VINEYARDS  
CORLEY FAMILY NAPA VALLEY

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VINTAGE 2003

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*Jefferson Cuvee Cabernet Sauvignon*

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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.

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#### Tasting Notes

*Our Vintage 2003 MONTICELLO VINEYARDS Jefferson Cuvee Cabernet Sauvignon displays aromatics of dark chocolate, dark berries, cedar, blackberries, and a band of jaminess threads through the aromatics. The flavors follow very similar to the aroma profile, in its dark themes of chocolate and berries. The oak, although a relatively low percentage (in the range of 20-25% new), adds a nice subtle band of creaminess. The mouthfeel of this 100% Cabernet Sauvignon is full and rich in the attack, coating the mouth with richness. The tannins are full, but approachable, and should evolve nicely as this wine develops with time. The finish is full and lingers on the back of the palate with just a hint of tannin.*

'At 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, the 2003 Jefferson Cuvee Cabernet Sauvignon has a higher % of cabernet sauvignon than is typical for this wine. Our State Lane Vineyard in Yountville grapes were crushed and fermented to dryness prior to pressing. This is typically a very full bodied wine with firm tannins. Our Yewell Vineyard in St Helena grapes were fermented to dryness prior to pressing. Our Tietjen Vineyard in Rutherford grapes were allowed to macerate on the skins for approximately two weeks post fermentation. The Tietjen Vineyard tends to have lower natural tannins and typically benefits from this additional time on the skins, without the risk of over-extracting unwelcome tannins.'

- Chris Corley, Winemaker

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#### Vineyards, Vintage and Vinification

##### Vineyard Locations

Cabernet Sauvignon *State Lane Vineyard* - Yountville, Napa Valley  
Cabernet Sauvignon *Tietjen Vineyard on Niebaum Lane* - Rutherford, Napa Valley  
Cabernet Sauvignon *Yewell Vineyard on Elhers Lane* - St Helena, Napa Valley

Cuvee 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Vintage Vintage 2003 is one that will be remembered for producing a vintage with high quality and an intensity of flavors. A long cool summer allowed the fruit flavors to evolve beautifully ahead of the sugar accumulation. Heat spikes in September helped move the harvest forward after many felt it would be a late year.

Alcohol 14.5%