



CORLEY FAMILY NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE 2000

CORLEY

Home Ranch Vineyard

Chardonnay

Block No. 1 - Heirloom Clone

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 and Pinot Noir on the five small vineyard sites in the Oak Knoll, Yountville, Rutherford and St. Helena appellations of Napa Valley.

The Wine:

In the early 1970s we identified a distinctive flavor profile in a particular planting of our chardonnay. In the 1980s it became a distinct and recognizable flavor component of our Chardonnay. In early 1990s when we were replanting our Home Ranch Vineyard we carefully selected bud wood that would re-propagate the clone that we identified as responsible for this proprietary aromatic and taste profile, our Heirloom Clone. We selected the 4 acre Block I on our Home Ranch Vineyard as the premium site to replant this clone.

This offering is our first sub-vineyard designated and first clonally designated wine that we have offered under our CORLEY designated wines. We plan to continue to produce micro lots of wine that display distinctive and proprietary flavor profiles of the multitude of vineyard and clonal plantings that we have in our small estate vineyards in the Oak Knoll, Rutherford, Yountville and St Helena appellations.

Tasting Notes

Our 2000 CORLEY *Home Ranch Vineyard* Chardonnay, Block No. 1 - Heirloom Clone displays the proprietary characteristics we have found in this planting of our chardonnay since the early 1970s. Lush tropical fruit aromas such as mango, papaya and banana are accented and balanced by crisp citrus aromas and flavors of lemon and mandarin orange.

Vintage

The 2000 vintage follows 1999 as an excellent year for both our Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. A cool Spring allowed the grapes to develop slowly early on. A heat spike in mid-June gave us a little jump start into the ripening process, and July through August we experienced day after day of moderate temperatures and tons of sunshine. In the beginning of September, things cooled down a little bit which allowed the grapes to develop some great flavors and maintain good acidity.

Vineyard Locations

Home Ranch Vineyard Block I - Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley

This four acre block of our Home Ranch Vineyard is planted to our Heirloom Clone on 5C rootstock. It is managed for extremely low yields to concentrate the proprietary flavor profile of the grapes from this site.

Harvest Dates / Brix

September 16, 2001 at an average 23.7 Brix

Vinification

Fermentation in barrel at an average of 50 degrees in Francois Frere and Remond French oak barrels from Allier. Sur lie aging with weekly stirring for 11 Months
