



CORLEY FAMILY NAPA VALLEY

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VINTAGE 1997  
**CORLEY RESERVE**  
*Estate Grown Merlot*

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

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**Tasting Notes** This elegant merlot displays intense aromatics of blueberries, black fruits, and roasted nuts along with toasted oak. This medium/full-bodied wine shows a luxurious richness of sweet fruit flavors with moderate tannin levels. The wine is well structured and should continue to develop and age well.

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**Vineyard Locations** **Merlot - Home Ranch Vineyard - Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley**

The Merlot in the wine comes from Clones #181 and #8 planted to 420A rootstock in Block IV of our *Home Ranch Vineyard*. The Merlot offers gorgeous blueberry and red berry flavors and aromatics. The bright fruit is accompanied by a suppleness that shows in the mouth-feel of the final wine.

**Cabernet Sauvignon - Ehlers Lane Vineyard - St Helena, Napa Valley**

: The small Ehlers Lane Vineyard was planted in 1971 and produces cabernet sauvignon fruit of great power and intensity that gives rich black-fruit character and rich texture to this wine.

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**Harvest Dates / Brix** Sep 17 - 26, 1997 at an average Brix of 24.5

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**Vintage** 1997 vintage is regarded to be among the best of a series of excellent vintages in the last decade. The long, consistent, dry growing season resulted in extra hang-time adding an extra dose of physiologically ripeness resulting in extremely rich, deep texture and concentrated ripe berry fruit.

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**Barrel Aging** 24 Months French Oak - Never, 25% New

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**Cuvee** 90% Merlot / 10% Cabernet Sauvignon

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**Alcohol** 14.1%

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**Release Date** 217 cases (750 ml); 17 cases (Magnums); 10 Double Magnums; 2 Jeroboams

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