



MONTICELLO VINEYARDS  
CORLEY FAMILY NAPA VALLEY

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VINTAGE 1997

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*Jefferson Cuvee Cabernet Sauvignon*

Napa Valley

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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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The Jefferson Cuvee highlights the winemaker's ability to combine vineyard lots from key regions within Napa Valley to produce a full, rich and complex Cabernet Sauvignon.

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#### Tasting Notes

*Our Vintage 1997 Jefferson Cuvee Cabernet Sauvignon displays aromatics of blackberry, black cherry and black licorice. The aromatics lead you into flavors of dark bittersweet chocolate, licorice, and classic black cherry. The wine is full-bodied with a full well balanced mouth-feel from front to back of palate; the tannins are firm, yet showcase the dark fruit and rich texture.. A classic Jefferson Cuvee and a Classic Napa Cabernet - One for the ages!*

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#### Vintage and Vinification

In a decade of consistently outstanding vintages, 1997 stands out among the best of the best. The growing season was moderately warmer than normal and allowed the Cabernet Sauvignon to reach its full level of ripeness. The grapes for this wine were hand picked from our vineyards between September 9 and September 29.

**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** *Tietjen Vineyard on Niebaum Lane - Rutherford, Napa Valley*  
**Merlot** *Home Ranch Vineyard - Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley*

**Cuvee** 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Merlot  
**Harvest Dates / Brix** Sept 9 - September 29 at an average 25 Brix  
**Barrel Aging** 24 Months French Oak, Never  
**Alcohol** 14.1%

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#### Reviews

**91 Points**

**Wine Spectator, James Laube**

*'Tight, with concentrated plum, chocolate, blackberry and toasty oak notes and hefty tannins that carry through to a flavorful finish.'*

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