



CORLEY FAMILY NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE 1997
MONTICELLO VINEYARDS
Estate Grown Merlot

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.

Tasting Notes *Our Vintage 1997 Estate Grown Merlot displays intense aromatics of ripe cherries and red berries with toasted oak. Full-bodied, it is deeply concentrated and power packed with ripe red fruit and plum. The wine is richly textured and the bright fruit is accompanied by a spiciness and well integrated tannins. Although ready to drink our Merlots are well structured and therefore age well.*

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

Our Merlot vineyards are planted to Clones #181 on #3309 rootstock. Our Merlot grapes are lush and power packed with intense berry flavors and an abundance of bright fruit.

Niebaum Lane Vineyard - Rutherford

There is a small amount (5%) of Cabernet Sauvignon in this wine.

Harvest Dates / Brix September 17 - 18, 1997 at an average 24.5 Brix

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.

Barrel Aging 18 Months French Oak

Alcohol 14.1
