



CORLEY FAMILY NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE 1998

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 1998 Estate Grown 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.

We produce our Monticello Vineyards Estate Grown Merlot from Merlot grapes grown on our vineyards in the Oak Knoll district of Napa Valley. This region of Napa Valley provides a cool climate from which we produce grapes that are lush and power packed with intense flavors and an abundance of bright fruit. We often blend into the merlot a small amount of Cabernet Sauvignon or Cabernet Franc which adds complexity and richness

Vineyard Locations *Home Ranch Vineyard and Knollwood Vineyard* - Oak Knoll District of Napa Valley. Our Merlot vineyards are planted to Clones #181 and #314 on #3309 and #420A rootstock.

Harvest Dates / Brix Oct 17, 1998 at an average Brix of 24.3

Barrel Aging 19 Months French Oak, 25% New

Vintage The 1998 vintage is characterized by its challenging weather conditions. However, the lower yields increased the juice to skin ratio and led to greater extraction and concentration of fruit flavors, color and intensity.
