



MONTICELLO VINEYARDS

Cabernet Franc

ESTATE GROWN IN THE NAPA VALLEY

VINTAGE 2010

TASTING NOTES

A well-balanced expression of Cabernet Franc at its finest. At entry, the wine reveals an intriguing dark note of blackberry fruits mixed with smoky undertones on the palate. The rich, full-bodied wine strikes the mid-palate with vibrant tannins that pleasantly frame its structure. The dark berry fruit combined with hints of smokiness result in a lasting, memorable finish.

- Chris Corley, Winemaker

VINEYARDS, VINTAGE AND VINIFICATION

Home Ranch Vineyard *Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley*
Block 2 & 4, Clone X
Pleasanton and Yolo Series Loam Soils

This 100% Cabernet Franc was grown in Block 4 of our Home Ranch at Monticello Vineyards. We grow four unique clones of Cabernet Franc on our vineyards. The Clone X from Block 4 & Block 2 have typically produced the deepest and most richly textured wines each vintage.

In 2010 rainfall returned after three dry years, pushed bud break, flowering and fruit-set back by at least two weeks at the front end of the growing season, and due to the cloud cover, there was no frost damage in 2010. The summer brought cooler than normal temperatures but gave way to a welcome, warm and consistent Indian Summer that was just the ticket, bringing good flavor and color development across the board.

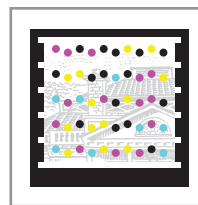
The relatively cool growing season coupled with the unexpected heat spikes in late summer resulted in a late and shortened harvest with lower yields. We were excited about what we were tasting from the vineyards--concentrated flavors that will materialize into elegant, structured wines.

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Oak - 18 Months in 87% New Oak (75% French / 12% American)
Alcohol - 14.2%

FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTION

Pan Seared Beef Tenderloin with a Caramelized Shallot & Fig Sauce.



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