



CORISON
NAPA VALLEY

Cathy Corison produces two Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignons, hand-crafted without compromise. The first woman Winemaker Proprietor in the Napa Valley, her wines are powerful and elegant at the same time, have a sense of place and are structured to grace the table and enjoy a long, distinguished life. She sources some of the finest vineyards in the Napa Valley, all located on classic benchland between Rutherford and St. Helena, where deep, stony alluvial soils promote the ideal growing conditions for the Cabernet vine. These vines regularly produce some of the most concentrated and superbly ripened fruit anywhere. The vineyard-designated *Kronos Vineyard* Cabernet Sauvignon is grown on winery estate.

For the Corison Cabernet Sauvignon, her concept is to make a complex wine by taking advantage of the natural range of flavors possible in Cabernet Sauvignon grown on different sites. Rutherford produces California classics with deep plum, black cherry and blueberry fruit with soft, ripe structure. St. Helena's western edge is renowned for wines of unrivaled blackberry and cassis concentration and notable natural acidity. The *Kronos Vineyard*, on the other hand, is the expression each year of a specific place; the French call this *terroir*.

Corison Cabernets are juicy with fruit and hints of violets, olives and spice. Fresh and lively on the palate, they are supple and decidedly drinkable as young wines but structured for a decade or more of rewarding bottle development. Half of the small French oak barrels used to age each vintage are new, sourced from the center of France.

Academic preparation included a B.A. in Biology from Pomona College in Claremont, CA and an M.S. in Enology from U.C. Davis. Over thirty years of winemaking for others, including a decade as the Winemaker at Chappellet Vineyard, Staglin's first two vintages and 10 vintages each for Long Meadow Ranch and York Creek Vineyards, left her eager to express her own winemaking voice. She is guided by her belief that winemaking and wine appreciation are a timeless, creative celebration of life.

The images on the label are very old life symbols, one based on rain and the other on a sprouting seed. They embellished vases excavated from the site of one of the earliest European cultures to cultivate grapes and make wine over 7,000 years ago.

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