



## 2001 Corison Kronos Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

Kronos Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is our single-vineyard estate wine. These rare vines are more than 30 years old and produce just over one ton per acre each year. 2001 was a classic vintage, with ideal conditions for making powerful yet elegant wines. There was not a single heat spike over 100 °F during the entire ripening season. Warm days and cool, foggy nights resulted in inky color and full, complex flavors. The spare rainfall during the winter months favored a smaller than average crop, contributing uncommon intensity to the wine. This is the best Cabernet I've made to date.

- Cathy Corison

*Jancis Robinson*  
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**19** Deep core of ruby-black colour with slightly less density than the previous couple of vintages. Star bright in the glass. Aromatics of gunmetal and white mushrooms. Bursting front of the palate carrying notes of gunmetal, lavender and violet that roll through the mouth into flavours of blackcurrant, a mix of mushrooms and a sprinkle of pepper. Lovely density of flavour and complexity here with depth and freshness. The 2001 is a bit more approachable and open than the powerhouse 1999 but not in the sense of carrying less seriousness or less structure. There is simply a more convivial character in the 2001 compared with the brooding elements of the 1999. Some wet-tobacco notes and a little more mushroom reduction appear with air through the finish. Great balance in all directions here – energy, freshness, complexity, approachability and length, all with impressive ageing potential. Drink 2012-2038.

*Elaine Chukan Brown for jancisrobinson.com, 3/12/19*

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**95** Firm and structured with vibrant, lovely acidity; racy, pure and juicy; vivid, tangy fruit.

*Anthony Dias Blue, January 2013*

### San Francisco Chronicle

The Chronicle's Wine Selections: Napa Valley Cabernet over \$50

\*\*\* The organically farmed vineyard, planted on gravelly bench soils between Rutherford and St. Helena, is notable for its 30-year-old vines. Elusive flowery aromas, with toasted wood notes that dominate but also lend a distinct freshness. Subtle cherry and blackberry... Tapered ending.

*Jon Bonné, December 15, 2006*

### FOOD&WINE

The Buyer's Guide to 75 of the Best California Wines

"Veteran winemaker Cathy Corison creates this vividly aromatic, cassis-scented Cabernet from low-yielding 30-year-old vines surrounding her winery, off Napa Valley's famed Highway 29 between Rutherford and St. Helena."

*Ray Isle, April 2006*

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**94** This single vineyard beauty is Corison's cellar bet. Tasted beside her regular '01 Napa Cab, it's much deeper, darker and more brooding. It's also far more tannic. It's a big, flavorful wine, packed with plums, blackberries, currants and mocha, as well as a coating of sweet oak. This classic Cab should begin to soften in a few year.

*12/1/2005*



**2001 Cabernet Sauvignon Kronos Vineyard Napa Valley** (aged in 50% new oak; made from a ten-acre parcel of 30-year-old vines next to the Corison winery on Highway 29, at the south end of St. Helena): Good full ruby. Brooding aromas of black raspberry, minerals, violet and bitter chocolate. Sweeter, denser and fatter than the 2003 and 2002 Napa bottlings, with claret-like notes of leather, smoke, cedar and graphite. Here the acids are more obviously integrated, but there's still a bit of tarry oak to be absorbed. Finishes with lovely length and lingering sweetness. The yield, always low in this vineyard, was just 1-1/2 tons per acre. **91(+1)**. *May/June 2005*



#### **EDITORS' CHOICE - BEST WINE**

Aromas of blueberry, blackberry, cherry, currant, spice, earth, a soft sweetness and subtle oak introduce flavors of the same which have wonderful depth, layering, and intensity and great, balanced acidity and integrated smooth tannins. All finish long and medium-broad. It needs several years to develop and open but this is a delicious, restrained, elegant Cabernet and the wait will be worth it. Outstanding.