

2006 Corison Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon



Budbreak came very late in 2006 due to cold, rainy weather that continued well into spring. By early June, the sun finally came out and the vines began to bloom and set fruit. Even, cool weather arrived at last with August (in the nick of time for flavor and color development) and continued through a very late harvest for a nearly perfect ripening season. Effusive aromas of ripe boysenberries, black plums, chocolate and nutmeg spice jump out of the glass. Juicy, mouth-filling flavors of berry jam, cassis and cardamom follow with velvet tannins. Classic.

- Cathy Corison

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Dark garnet in the glass, this wine smells of black cherry and graphite and a hint of licorice. In the mouth, powdery muscular tannins wrap around a core of black cherry and cocoa powder. Long and rich and deep and broad. Great acidity and depth. Powerful without being overpowering. Mouthwatering. 13.8% alcohol. Score: around 9.5.

Alder Yarrow, vinography.com, 6.27.2015

Forbes.com/Food & Drink

Six Best Napa Cabernet Sauvignons

Cathy Corison has been making finely-hewn, structured Cabs for almost 30 years on benchland between Rutherford and St. Helena where deep, stony alluvial soils provide ideal growing conditions for the Cabernet vine. Unusual for Napa, her wines are 100% Cab... And talk about structure! The 2006 is plump and juicy, and just beginning to show hints of cedar and old leather all held firmly in place by a solid structure of supple tannins.

Nick Passmore, December 9, 2016

Five Luxury Wines for Thanksgiving

Corison Cabernet Sauvignon 2006 - Plump and juicy, beginning to show those hints of cedar and old leather that mark great Cabs as they age. Just coming into its own, so decant an hour before serving to allow it to show its true glory.

Nick Passmore, November 12, 2015

JamesSuckling.com

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92 A balanced cabernet with violet, fresh tobacco, black currant and blueberry. Forest berries too. Medium to full body, lightly chewy tannins and a fresh finish. Balanced and flavorful. Delicious now.

June 10, 2016

Maker's Table

Food, Wine and the Pleasures of the Table

2006 Corison Winery Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

Deeply savory with dark aromas of cured meats, black tea, and almost-coffee spice. On the palate the fruit and minerals weave seamlessly together, and the texture is silky, with smooth, elastic tannins and a wash of glittery acid at the finish. Cathy called it “really lit up,” saying her wines hit “the sweet spot, with lots of bottle bouquet” at ten years. I think this wine has hit it. 13.8% abv

Meg Houston Maker, makerstable.com, June 28, 2015

Decanter

MURPHY'S TOP 2006 CALIFORNIAN CABERNETS TO SEEK OUT

★★★★★ (18.5) "Gorgeous floral nose..."

Decanter Magazine, September 2009


JancisRobinson.com

"... Packed with cassis, black cherry and undercurrents of blueberry, black olive, dried herbs ... Will age gracefully."
Linda Murphy, JancisRobinson.com, 11 August 2009

 Stephen Tanzer's
International Wine Cellar

"... Boysenberry, dark chocolate and violet aromas, with hints of leather and game. Juicy and moderately dense, with sweet dark berry flavors ... In an elegant, restrained style. Finishes with firm, dusty tannins and good persistence ..." **90**.
May/June 2009, Issue 144

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Corison Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is all dark berry, vanilla and toasty oak. The dark berries explode on the palate with a deliciously juicy, fruity, smokiness.
October 29, 2009

California GRAPEVINE


2006 Corison, Napa Valley – Medium-dark purplish ruby; attractive, forward. intense, cassis and dark berry fruit aroma with a touch of dark chocolate and spicy notes; full body; rich, textured, mouth-filling, cedary, currant and dark berry fruit flavors; well balanced and structured for bottle aging; medium-full to full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Approachable now, showing forward rich fruit; distinctive varietal character that developed with airing in the glass. **Very highly recommended.** *October-November 2009*

VIEW FROM THE CELLAR

93+ My visit out to St. Helena in September of last year afforded my first opportunity to taste the 2006 vintage from Cathy Corison and, not surprisingly, the Napa bottling was lovely. The wine is a bit more black fruity in personality than is typical of this cuvée, wafting from the glass in a complex blend of cassis, a hint of black cherry, cigar smoke, beautiful Rutherford Bench soil tones, violets and a touch of vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is full-bodied and quite deep at the core, with a beautifully refined structural chassis, lovely focus and grip, still a touch of firmness to the well-integrated tannins and impressive length on the complex finish. This is still several years away from really blossoming from behind its structure, but will be outstanding with a bit more patience. 2023-2060+.
John Gilman, May-June 2017, #69

Confessions of a Wine Geek

More concentrated fruit but this time it's a bit deeper with hints of blueberries as well as blackcurrants. The fruit is supported by swathes of cedar and smoke... **92 points**
confessionsofawinegeek.com, August 9, 2014