

2010 Corison Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon



Rainfall returned after three years of drought, pushing bud break, flowering and fruit-set back by at least two weeks at the beginning of the growing season. The summer brought cooler than normal temperatures so the lag continued into the ripening season. A two-day heat spike toward the end of August caused some sunburn, which required very selective picking. The cool growing season continued until a lovely Indian Summer set in in late September and October bringing the grapes to full ripeness. The long, cool season and small crop yielded a wine of uncommon concentration. Dark, brooding flavors of berries and cassis dance with dusty minerality, baking spices and violet perfume!

~ Cathy Corison

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INSPIRATION SERVED DAILY

Jancis Robinson's 7 Favorite Wines "2010 Corison Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon - Cathy Corison is my heroine. She makes such great wine - the essence of Napa Valley minus the bludgeoning force, plus a sensible price tag. And I love the 2010s."

Jancis Robinson interviewed by Ray Isle, Wine Royalty, Food & Wine Magazine, October 2014



"The 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon is drop-dead gorgeous. An intense, reticent wine, the 2010 is endowed with serious density, depth and structure. This is one of the most powerful, tightly coiled wines of the year. It will require considerable time in bottle but all the elements are in the right place. Plums, iron, cloves, violets, licorice and

smoke all flesh out on the firm, structured finish. This is a fabulous wine with a great future, a superb effort from Cathy Corison. 93+ pts"

Antonio Galloni, Vinous, November 2013

International WINE REPORT

The 2010 Corison Cabernet Sauvignon is a classy display of Napa Valley Cabernet. It opens up with dazzling aromas of fresh blackberries and cassis which are followed by gorgeous floral, dusty mineral and a touch of herbs that resonate through this wine. This Cabernet shows remarkable purity, structure and finesse with fine tannins, which work their way into the long, pretty finish. A simply outstanding wine from Cathy Corison. (Best 2016-2028) 95

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2010 Corison, Napa Valley 18.5 (95) N/A UK

Seamless integration, with bright, juicy red and black fruit, ripe tannins, refreshing acidity and moderate alcohol. Layered and complex, unfolding with each sip. Drink 2013-2023 Alc 13.8%

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Jancis Robinson
JancisRobinson.com

Deep crimson. Very fine and svelte on the nose. So sumptuous and delightful. Gorgeous complexity without heat. Beautiful texture. Fine subtle tannins in reserve and truly beautiful. Cool, refined. I cannot imagine a better claret. 18/20

7 May 2014 by JR

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Dark garnet in the glass, this wine smells of crushed green herbs, cherry, and black pepper. In the mouth, cherry, black pepper and forest floor flavors are wrapped in a tight sheath of fine-grained tannins. Gorgeous acidity and length. Cool and juicy with a distinctly herbal cast that speaks to the coolness of the year. Wonderfully satin textured. 13.6% alcohol. Score: around 9.5.

Alder Yarrow, vinography.com, 6.27.2015

VIEW FROM THE CELLAR

93 I love Cathy Corison's fine and elegant Napa cabernets and will be writing a full-length feature on her and her lovely wines in the not too distant future. Her most recent releases hail from the 2010 vintage and are excellent. Her 2010 Napa Valley bottling tips the scales at a very civilized 13.6 percent alcohol and offers up a superb bouquet of red and black cherries, gentle cigar smoke, incipient notes of allspice and fresh nutmeg, a lovely base of soil, a touch of violets and a judicious framing of cedary new wood. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, pure and nicely balanced, with a fine core of fruit, plenty of firm, ripe tannins and excellent length and grip on the youthful and very promising finish.

John Gilman, Jan/Feb 2014, Issue #49

Exceptional 2010 **Corison** Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley: Corison Cabs are always true to their roots, and this may be the best ever. Spot-on aroma of dried/fresh cherries, a trace of herbs, and a lush, dramatic mid-palate. Modest alcohol (13.6%) and a complex finish make it a wine for now and 20 years. Sensational. Release date: Sept. 1. Don't miss it. *Volume XVII, Issue 25 August 1, 2013*



Corison 2010 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon - For over 20 years, Cathy Corison has sourced her Napa cabernet from the same three vineyards, gravelly sites on the western benchland between Rutherford and St. Helena. This offers that area's distinctly plush and gentle tannins in a Napa Valley cabernet of the old school. It feels formal and reserved, contrasting fresh herbal notes of pipe tobacco and cedar with classic cabernet flavors of red and black currants. Impeccably balanced, this has a scent that's as compelling as any premier cru Pauillac, with the sunny profile of the Mayacamas benchlands. In other words, it smells pretty great, especially after it's been open for a day. Built for the cellar, this will provide delicious drinking with roast lamb over the next ten years. **95** *December 2013*

100 Best Wines of the Year

"These 100 stood out among all the others, and left us thinking of them long after the glasses were cleared... Best Cabernet Sauvignons... Corison 2010 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon."

Wine & Spirits Magazine, 28th Annual Buying Guide - Special Issue, Winter 2014



Corison Winery, 2010 Napa Valley - Perhaps the best-ever Corison Cabernet. It is elegantly flavored (boysenberry, cherry, rosehips, black currant, toast, spicy oak), full bodied, supple in texture (with firm underlying acidity), quite rich in flavor, and very long and harmonious on the finish. A stunning wine. 1,800 cases. *Ronn Wiegand, Issues #152-154, April 2014*



2010 Corison, Napa Valley - Medium-dark ruby with a purplish tinge; attractive, forward, fragrant, cassis, black cherry, and blueberry fruit aroma with herbal notes and a hint of violets; medium-full to full body; rich, spicy, dark cherry and berry fruit flavors that are well balanced and firmly structured; medium-full to full tannin; lingering aftertaste. While very appealing to taste now the wine deserves another three to five more years of bottle aging. Very highly recommended. 13.6% alcohol; 1,800 cases; 100% CS; released September 2013. (My Score: 92) *Volume 39, September 2013*



Wine Cellar Good bright medium ruby. Blackberry, cassis and licorice on the nose. Tightly wound but not hard, with a slightly high-toned character, subtle sweetness and strong energy to the intense black fruit and licorice flavors. Densely packed, taut wine with a long, suavely tannic finish. This will require at least five to seven years of bottle aging upon release. **91(+?)** *Steve Tanzer's International Wine Cellar May/June 2013*



Wine of the Week - Corison 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

This is it. This is the cabernet sauvignon that shows the sunshine-rich fruit of Napa Valley with all its potential complexity and grace. *Cathy Bugue, May 12, 2015*

James Suckling.com

91 Straightforward Napa cabernet with blueberries, minerals and currants. Medium to full body with fine tannins and a clean finish. Corison always makes refined, drinkable cabernets. Drink or hold. *May 15, 2014*



90  **CORISON** Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2010 Although she has found something akin to celebrity status in the eyes of those recently arrived to the dance who somehow think Napa Cabernets of refinement and nuance are new and revolutionary, winemaker Cathy Corison has for some time now been turning out balanced, well-focused wines such as this that steer away from high ripeness and blatant oak... its flavors are constant and comfortably fruited, and its teasing touches of black olives, toasted herbs, dusty soils and graphite are signals enough that increased complexity and richness are the certain rewards for five or six years of patience. *Reviewed: December 2013*