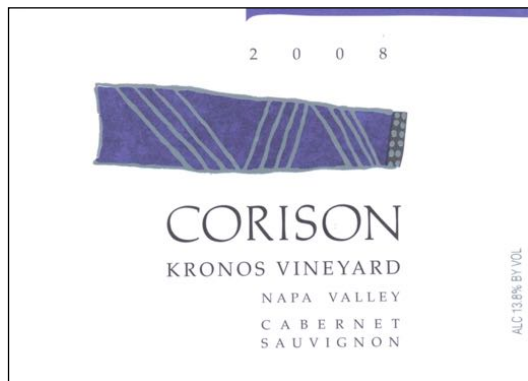


2008 Corison Kronos Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon



2008 saw a second year of drought and a heat spike during flowering which kept the crop very small. Early budbreak got the ball rolling in the spring but an unusually cool summer followed giving us the long, even ripening we hope for.

This wine exhibits a wonderful yin and yang of juicy approachability and firm, classic structure. The cool ripening season resulted in a vast range of fruit flavors, all the way from bright black cherry and blueberry through plums and cassis to blackberries and boysenberries. Hints of chocolate peek around the corner and spicy notes of anise, nutmeg and cardamom add to a lovely perfume of dried roses for astonishing complexity. The signature round, silky Kronos mouth feel completes the package.
- Cathy Corison

THE WINE ADVOCATE

94 The 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Kronos Vineyard is made in a richer, riper style that shows more inner perfume and mid-palate expressiveness than the Napa Cabernet Sauvignon. Blackberries, flowers, spices and licorice are some of the notes that wrap around the sensual, inviting finish. The 2008 Kronos shows lovely delineation and pure, understated class. Sweet red cherries, kirsch and flowers add lift on the close. Anticipated maturity: 2013-2023.

I was quite taken with the two Cabernets I tasted from Cathy Corison. These aren't the biggest or most obvious wines being made in the valley, but readers who are willing to spend some time getting to know these refined Cabernets will be amply rewarded.
-Antonio Galloni December 2011



94 ✨ ✨ ✨ Wonderfully complex and very deep in pure Cabernet fruit with lovely adjuncts of sweet oak, cocoa and subtle wisps of forest-floor spice, the new Kronos bottling is an impeccably balanced offering that proves that composure and richness are in no way mutually exclusive. It is so refined and its pieces so carefully knit that it runs the risk of being drunk up before it has had the half-dozen-plus years of aging that it will need before coming into its very best.
Reviewed: December 2012



17 Black core and ruby edges. Star bright in the glass. Notes of forest floor and gunpowder lift from the glass alongside a potpourri of dried roses and dried citrus. The aromatics carry into the palate with flavours of pomegranate and a mix of citrus – ruby-red grapefruit and hints of mandarin. This is a distinctly different vintage from its neighbours. Fine-grained tannin here is quite young but is fine enough to still be worth drinking now. Persistent acidity into a long finish. There is a fine-boned more delicate and lighter presence to this vintage compared with many of the others. It carries many of the notes of North American autumn with dried leaves, wet earth, red berries and potpourri. Intriguing. Will do well with food. Drink 2016-2032

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

Purely Domestic Wine Report

94 A nose of cedar, cranberry and currant overlaid with chocolate, cherry and menthol. The palate is brilliant in its suppleness, polished dry red fruits, cocoa and crème de cassis. Beautiful throughout and elegantly mature.

Doug Wilder, Volume One



★★★★+ Finely balanced, full bodied, and well balanced; an elegant, stylish Cabernet with medium richness, evident complexity, and a persistent finish. In aroma/flavor, it tastes of blackberry, rose petal, black cherry, toast, vanilla, and kola nut. Delicious!

Ronn Wiegand, Issues #144-46, December 2012

93-94 The nose is fruity and fresh. It reveals notes of cassis, blackberry and small touches of leather associated with discreet hints of undergrowth, spices as well as discreet hints of menthol. The palate is fruity, well-balanced and offers a beautiful freshness, a good definition, an acidulous frame, minerality, a slight suavity, roundness as well as a beautiful finesse. On the palate this wine expresses notes of cassis, blackberry and small notes of undergrowth associated with slight touches of juicy/fresh red berries, leather, spices as well as discreet hints of almond and chocolate. Tannins are fine and well-built Good length and beautiful persistence. There is a slight salinity hint on the finish.
Jonathan Choukroun Chicbepartiche, 5/2019

 **Stephen Tanzer's
International Wine Cellar**

92+ Ruby-red. Aromas of blackberry, licorice and minerals. Broader and more viscous in the mouth than the regular Napa Valley bottling, with lovely energy and depth to the dark berry and bitter chocolate flavors. A suggestion of violet pastille adds to the impression of inner-mouth perfume. The wine's impressive flavor intensity carries through the very long, suave finish. Conveys an impression of small-berry concentration. This will evolve in bottle for a long time.
May/June 2011

Confessions of a Wine Geek

Wine Geek best wines of 2014 (Part 1 – California)

Corison Kronos Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2008

96 The concentration of fruit on the nose is spectacular; from blackcurrant and blackberry to raspberry and red cherry, you could just keep naming fruit after fruit and it will be in there somewhere. The palate is super smooth and lays the way for dark spices, a touch of liquorice and even a hint of worn leather. The finish goes on forever and the balance is incredible. I always look for a combination of concentration, balance and elegance; this ticks all of the boxes.

www.confessionsofawinegeek.com, December 26, 2014

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Kronos 2008 evokes plum and cassis and dark berries in its aroma while its texture is supple and fine and its taste complex, forward and balanced. Without a single hot spot or off note, it is exquisite, extraordinary and powerful, as perfect as a California Cabernet can get.
Eunice Fried, May 2, 2015

Newark Star Ledger - Corison Does it Her Way

2008 Kronos Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon - The 2008 has a more black fruit profile (than the 2011), and both wines display the elegant texture and harmonious composition of fruit, tannins and acidity that is Corison's calling card.

John Foy, February 26, 2015