

# 2019 Corison *Kronos Vineyard* Cabernet Sauvignon



2019 was a nearly perfect vintage, enjoying such a long, cool ripening season that we picked two weeks later than usual, the perfect setup for a great vintage. Moderate days allowed long hang-time, resulting in complex, intense flavors, and cold nights promoted inky color and terrific natural acidity.

This is a bright vintage for Kronos with pert blackberry and cassis fruit complexed by an emerging violet perfume. Notes of baking spices, faint peppermint and dusty, flinty minerality join in. The whole package is wrapped in a velvety tannic grip, and signature snappy acidity lifts all.

- Cathy Corison



**98** The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Kronos Vineyard is very clearly one of the wines of the vintage. One of the things I love about the 2019 is the way it conveys power and density, but without weight. In that sense, it is perhaps atypical for Napa Valley Cabernets in this vintage.

Even so, I find the sense of beauty here absolutely beguiling. The 2019 Kronos is an absolutely stunning wine. I could describe the aromas and flavors, but that seems pretty banal for a wine that is so clearly towering in its splendor. Don't miss it!

*Antonio Galloni, October 2021*



## TOP 100 WINES OF THE USA 2021

**97** Aromas of blueberries, cherries, stones, cedar, sage, oregano and cloves. It's medium- to full-bodied with fine tannins and fresh acidity. Seamless and silky with fragrant, fruity character. Polished and pure. Fantastic length and freshness. Hints of stones at the end. Delicious already, but better from 2023.

*February 3, 2022*



**18** Mid purplish crimson. Rather an ethereally ripe nose with wonderful refreshment on the end and so much fruit that it almost obliterates the not inconsiderable tannin structure. Cedar/cigar-box notes. Real energy and life to this wine! It's very tempting to drink this straight away because it has so much charm but you know it would make sense to wait awhile. Super-clean and vibrant. A model for Napa? Great mineral note on the end. So long and rewarding. One sip lasts a minute...

*Jancis Robinson, 9 Nov 2022*



**95** From a maker and vineyard site widely recognized for producing mannerly, refined, layered wines that seem always to sit near the top of our ratings comes yet another outstanding effort. This wine may start out a bit

quietly but it soon opens in the glass to layered, rich, youthfully tight yet fully enticing fruit keyed on pert curranty and black cherry notes supported by the expected varietal touches of oak, dark soils and whispers of chocolate. On the palate, it is both keenly focused and deep...

*December 2022*

## WINE ENTHUSIAST

**97 Cellar Selection** - This snugly wrapped, agile, medium-bodied wine from old vines keeps a core of raspberries, violets and black currants under a veil of silky tannins. The wine's excellent acid balance, tension and sense of depth will unleash more complexity as the tannins resolve over time.

*Jim Gordon, April 2023*

## VIEW FROM THE CELLAR

**96** Cathy Corison's forty-five year-old vines in her Kronos Vineyard have to now be some of the oldest, if not the oldest, cabernet sauvignon vines still remaining in Napa Valley. As these old vines were originally planted on phylloxera-resistant rootstock, there was no need to replant them when the louse swept through all of the top vineyards in Napa. The 2019 Kronos cabernet comes in at 13.7 percent alcohol this year and delivers a superb, elegant bouquet of sweet cassis, black cherries, Rutherford Dust, cigar wrapper, allspice, a deft framing of cedary oak and a lovely base of soil tones. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, young and potentially very elegant in profile, with a superb core of fruit, great soil signature and grip, ripe, seamless tannins and a long, focused and impeccably balanced finish. This is a great, great bottle of cabernet in the making.

*John Gilman, Issue #102, Nov-Dec 2022*



**94** The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Kronos Vineyard is rather minty and herbal, but it marries those traits with vibrant, almost floral cassis notes. Restrained by comparison to most other Napa Valley Cabernets, it's medium-bodied, with a streamlined shape on the palate that belies its intensity. Silky, long and nearly weightless, it lingers easily on the finish.  
*Joe Czerwinski, 15 Sept 2022*

**JEB DUNNUCK** **94** The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Kronos Vineyard is all varietal and spent 20 months in 50% new French oak. It's a deeper, richer wine that has plenty of red and black fruits as well as candied violets, exotic spice, and some minty herbs. Nicely textured, medium-bodied, concentrated, yet tight and compact, this classic, old school Napa Cabernet is approachable today yet won't hit maturity for another 4-5 years and should have over two decades of longevity.  
*jebdunnuck.com, 3/10/22*



This is a wine with its own personality, standing apart even from Cathy Corison's other cabernet sauvignons. The 50-year-old vines ripen loose clusters of clone 2 cabernet, and Corison does not try to tame it with heady ripeness or overt oak. This 2019 is distinctly red-fruited—red currant, raspberry and hints of red licorice providing a lean richness. The fruit is sweet... the overall impression clean. Cellar it, and it should develop in ten years' time into a St. Helena beauty. If less patient, give it at least a year. —J.G., 10/2022