

2014 Corison *Kronos Vineyard* Cabernet Sauvignon



A warm spring, following one of the driest winters on record, set the stage for this vintage, with scraggly clusters of small, concentrated berries paving the way. The summer and ripening season were moderate, giving us the long, cool season I hope for. Violets! and tuberose perfume jump out of the glass and mingle with dusty, loamy earth, cassis, plum and bright cherry notes. Blackberries, black cherry, plum and blueberries play nicely in the flavors, buoyed by the characteristic Kronos mouth-coating viscosity. Top-notes of baking spices, peppermint, anise and hints of chocolate add further layers of interest. Soft, silky tannins contribute grip. This wine couldn't come from any other place.

– Cathy Corison



95 The 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Kronos is another rich, surprisingly powerful wine. The 2014 exudes notable concentration and depth, but the tannins are so integrated that the wine is almost shockingly approachable for such a young Kronos. Dark red stone fruit, smoke, licorice and tobacco add intrigue in this big, voluptuous wine, by Corison standards.

Antonio Galloni, Vinous – explore all things wine, December 2016

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CORISON CABERNET SAUVIGNON NAPA VALLEY KRONOS 2014

97 Aromas of blackberries, blackcurrants and flowers. Hints of dark chocolate. Full body, firm and velvety tannins and a gorgeous berry-like, subtle, fruity finish. Tangy and citrusy acidity. Forest floor. One of the best Kronos ever. Old-vine glory.

James Suckling, Friday, January 27, 2017



CORISON Kronos Vineyard St. Helena 2014

🌟🌟 **94** Ms. Corison has never chosen the path of extravagant ripeness and her wonderfully poised and precise Cabernets will not be accused of being bombastic “fruit bombs,” but, as this lovely rendition once again proves, layered richness and a

bit of constraint are not mutually exclusive and that genuinely compelling Cabernet need not swagger to succeed. It is moderately full-bodied without seeming “big” and delivers persistent, exceptionally well-focused flavors of specifically varietal, curranty fruit highlighted with quietly complementary notes of sweet spice and loam, and its overall balance and carefully matched, fine-grained tannins guarantee years of increasing interest and grace.

Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine, December 2017



94 This classical cabernet grows at the vineyard behind Cathy Corison's winery on the west side of Highway 29. It's the rare cabernet vineyard from the 1970s (1971, in fact) that was planted on St. George rootstock and survived phylloxera, providing an opportunity to taste contemporary

old-vine cabernet from one of Napa Valley's coveted benchland sites. And it delivers: St. Helena may be one of the warmest spots in the valley, but these vines are rooted in cool earth, and they carry that coolness directly into the wine. It's gently juicy with cherry-plum flavors, though the main impression is the suppleness of earthy tannins. Like the great cabernets of the 1970s, this should age with grace.

Wine & Spirits Magazine, April 2018



18 Very subtle purple fruit array on the nose. Sinewy but not at all skinny. Some violet cachou notes. Appetising. Made to make you want another mouthful? (This was the first wine I was tempted to swallow.) Super-clean but the opposite of showy. So neat. Briney...

jancisrobinson.com, March 15, 2018



Highly Recommended ...brimming with blueberries and blackcurrent pastilles that sit within a judicious frame of tannin and fresh acidity.

Decanter, April 2018

Jancis Robinson
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17.5+ Ruby black core to lighter ruby edges. Star bright in the glass. Cedar and white mushroom, dried citrus, and hints of gunpowder on the nose. Juicy, mouth-watering palate with plenty of flavour. Exotic perfume and fruits carry from nose to palate. A nice wine with good depth though a bit broader strokes compared with the incredible finesse and complexity of the 2013. Still quite young and will do well with time in bottle. Persistent tannin and balanced acidity carry into a very long finish.

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



2014 Corison, "Kronos Vineyard," St. Helena, Napa Valley Medium to medium-dark ruby; attractive, forward, rich, ripe, deep, spicy, concentrated, cassis and boysenberry fruit aroma with a floral note and a trace of toasty oak; full body; intense, and somewhat elegant, red and dark fruit flavors that are nicely balanced and structured for a good five to ten more years of bottle aging; full tannin; lingering aftertaste. **Very highly recommended.** *California Grapevine, Volume 44, January 2018*

International WINE REPORT

96 The Kronos Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is yet another sensational release from Cathy Corison in this vintage. This brilliant Cabernet begins with seductive aromatics of ripe dark currants and black cherries, which are woven together with graphite, violets, exotic spices and earthy minerals all soaring from the glass. This full-bodied red is beautifully polished, with a rich, opulent texture, as it possesses remarkable overall balance and concentration. This continues to impress as layers of ripe dark fruits continue to build in the palate, leading up to the long, supple finish. Overall, this is an utterly captivating wine, and although this is nearly impossible to resist right now, it will without doubt become even more compelling with time. (Best 2020-2036)

Joe D'Angelo, International Wine Report, January, 2018 (JD)

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93 The 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Kronos Vineyard is... all Cabernet Sauvignon aged 22 months in 50% new French oak. Its... ruby/purple color is followed by a bigger, richer wine that offers lots of currants, spice, blueberries, and roasted herb aromas and flavors. It's ripe, beautifully textured, elegant and balanced, with a mid-weight, yet concentrated, layered style. It should evolve nicely as well.

jebdunnuck.com, 12/29/17