

2014 Helios Sunbasket Vineyard Cabernet Franc



Single-vineyard estate Cabernet Franc. This wine exhibits delightful aromatics with violet perfume, cedar, classic Franc pencil lead minerality, and a medley of red and blue fruit, reminiscent of blueberries and cranberries. Fruit flavors dovetail nicely with a hint of green olives and notes of garrigue, including thyme and rosemary. Where's the lamb?

Recently we had the great good fortune to purchase one of the vineyards I have sourced for nearly 30 years. It has always been one of my favorites. William and I named it Sunbasket Vineyard in honor of André Tchelistcheff, who originally planted it during his days at BV. I remember him referring to this little corner of the world as a "Sunbasket."

- Cathy Corison

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93 The 2014 'Helios' Sunbasket Vineyard Cabernet Franc is an fantastic effort from Cathy Corison. It begins with inviting aromatics of blackberries and blueberries woven together with sweet spices, bell pepper, tobacco, smoldering ash and graphite, which all soar from the glass. Balanced and nicely structured, showing excellent poise, this possesses a medium-plus body with a lovely polished texture and beautifully concentrated flavors of blackberries, sweet spices, graphite and a touch of mocha which persist through the finish. Overall, this is a wonderful Cabernet Franc which is showing extremely well now and has the potential to further evolve with some additional bottle age.

Joe D'Angelo, August, 2017



2014 St. Helena Napa Valley Helios Sunbasket Vineyard Cabernet Franc

93 Cathy Corison has been purchasing fruit from this vineyard for three decades, a site originally planted by André Tchelistcheff for Beaulieu Vineyard. She purchased the property in 2015, and Corison has released its first Sunbasket Vineyard-designates. This cabernet franc has a remarkably cool feel for a wine from St. Helena, as if the wine's internal temperature came from the deep vine roots. The color is light, transparent ruby, the flavor is red edged in green, like barely ripe strawberry, pink peppercorns and pink grapefruit acidity. It's a brisk red from Napa Valley, spicy and bright, for country pate.

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CORISON CABERNET FRANC NAPA VALLEY ST. HELENA HELIOS SUNBASKET VINEYARD 2014

92 A fresh and fruity cabernet franc with dark berries, lemon peel and stones. Full to medium body, light tannins and a fresh finish. A beauty to drink now.

James Suckling, Friday, January 27, 2017



91 The 2014 Cabernet Franc Sunbasket Vineyard is a wine that Cathy Corison has made for a number of years, but that she is vineyard designating for the first time now that she owns the land. Today, the 2014 comes across as more of a wine of site than variety, but it has also just been bottled. There is plenty of depth to the dark red cherry and mocha flavors, but the tannins need time to soften.

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

VIEW FROM THE CELLAR

2014 Helios Cabernet Franc "Sunbasket Vineyard"- Corison Winery (Napa)

92 The wine is excellent, coming in at 13.7 percent octane and being comprised entirely of this varietal. The bouquet is very pure and refined, offering up scents of red berries, cigar wrapper, lovely soil tones, menthol, incipient smokiness and a touch of cedar. On the palate the wine is full, elegant and nicely transparent, with beautiful focus and balance, moderate tannins, tangy acids and just a bit of backend warmth on the long and complex finish. Like all of Cathy Corison's wines, this is built for at least medium-term cellaring and will be really lovely with five or six years of hibernation in the rearview mirror. 2023-2050

John Gilman, View from the Cellar, Issue #70, July-August 2017



2014 Corison Helios Sunbasket Vineyard Cabernet Franc, Napa, California

94 This Cabernet Franc is a standout. It's a polished, medium-bodied wine with soft tannins and lively acidity. Heavenly aromas and flavors of black and blue fruits intermingle with an earthy, tobacco core, finishing with... gravel minerality.

Pamela Heiligenthal, Enobytes.com, 4.24.18