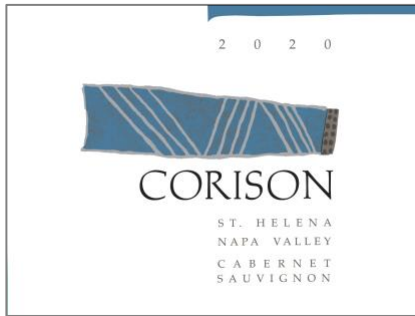


## 2020 Corison Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon



The result of a nearly perfect, long and cool ripening season (and oblivious to the Covid chaos swirling around it), the 2020 was picked and in the barn fully two and a half weeks before the Glass Fire broke out. Industrial-grade air filters kept smoke out of the winery as the wines went down to barrels. We are so grateful, and relieved, to present the lovely 2020.

This wine is wildly complex with tart cherry, blueberry, red and black currants, raspberry, plum and boysenberry fruit, fleshed out with notes of baking spices and peppermint. The tannins are characteristically polite yet grippy. Mineral notes add lift and the evolving violet perfume is so pretty.

~ Cathy Corison

**Decanter** **96** Medium to full-bodied, beautiful and restrained, with savoury aromatics of fennel, black liquorice, cedar, and black currants. Soft, satiny blackberry fruits are lifted by fine-grained yet supple tannins while a purity of fruit guides the palate to a long, tobacco-tinged finish marked by a mineral-freshness that beckons sip after sip...  
*Jonathan Cristaldi, Decanter Magazine, 5 Apr 2023*

**WINE ENTHUSIAST** **95** Classic balance and a little restraint characterize this firmly structured, deeply flavored wine that brings black cherries, cranberries and black pepper to the front, backed by slightly tangy acidity and texturizing tannins that will help it mature nicely.  
*Jim Gordon, Wine Enthusiast Magazine, October 2023*

**vinography** Dark garnet in the glass, this wine smells of black cherry and cassis. In the mouth, gorgeous cherry, dried flowers, and herb flavors have an ethereal quality as bright acidity makes for a mouthwatering package. The tannins are wispy ghosts that hang in the corners of the mouth. Refined... The idea of a wine this gorgeous being made in a year when a large percentage of producers in Napa made no wine at all thanks to the fires positively boggles the mind. Score: around **9.5**.  
*Alder Yarrow, Vinography.com, 8/26/23*

**VIEW FROM THE CELLAR** **95** The classic Corison bouquet wafts from the glass in that Rutherford Bench classic signature of black cherries, cassis, dark soil tones, Rutherford Dust spice tones, cigar ash and a lovely framing of nutty new oak. On the palate the wine is bright, elegant and full-bodied, with lovely depth at the core, fine-grained, buried tannins, great focus and grip and a long, complex and impeccably balanced finish.  
*John Gilman, View from the Cellar, #104, March-April 2023*

**THE New Wine Review** **98** This is a brooding, beautifully put together wine, generous in dark plum, nutmeg, cedar, cardamom and cocoa powder while seamless in texture. Soft, supple tannins integrate well into the fruit and spice, with a backbone of power and structure that show ample ability to age and prosper in additional complexity and nuance.  
*Virginie Boone, The New Wine Review, May 2023*

**purely domestic wine report** **95** The nose is crumbled herb, cola, camphor, tobacco, and black cherry. The palate entry is sleek red fruit with a full-bodied core of polished black stone fruits leading to a velvet-like finish of dried vine berries and plum.  
*Doug Wilder, Purely Domestic Wine Report, Issue 10.1, August 1, 2023*

**Wine Spectator** **93** Distinctive, with a vivid display of mulberry, pomegranate and plum fruit aromas and flavors that glide through easily, carried by a silky but persistent structure. Reveals nice floral nuances through the finish, with a late twinge of iron, too.  
*James Molesworth, Wine Spectator, August 2023*



**94** The 2020 Corison 'Napa Valley' Cabernet Sauvignon is an astonishingly good wine from this Uber-challenging vintage in the Napa Valley. It shows beautiful black florals on the nose with creme de cassis and coffee ground notes. The palate is silky smooth and very refined tannins that frame a beautiful core of bright black fruits. *owenbargreen.com, April 27, 2023*



**93** The 2020 Napa Valley Cabernet from Corison delivers aromatics of red and dark currants, which are joined by chocolate, savory herbs, gravel, pipe tobacco and spring flowers that all come together beautifully. On the palate this shows a stunning display of pure Cabernet fruit, along with a beautiful ripe core that expands seamlessly through the sleek, polished finish. Despite the challenges of the vintage this is a total success from Corison.

*Joe D'Angelo, International Wine Report, April 2023*



**92** Quite fruit-expressive and floral, with spiced dark cherries, baked plums, hibiscus and violet extract on the nose. Rich and fruity, with tart cherries, cassis and dried herbs on the palate. Full-bodied and juicy, with silky tannins that smooth it out. Drink or hold. *jamesuckling.com, September 13, 2022*



**90** The 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley) is a heady, potent wine that shows the heat of the year in its forward, opulent personality. Super-ripe black cherry, plum, chocolate, herbs, earthiness, and licorice are all amplified in this decidedly exuberant, potent wine.

*Antonio Galloni, Vinous – explore all things wine, October 2022*