



2003 Corison Cabernet Sauvignon

The delicious 2003 Corison Cabernet was released in September 2006. Picking in 2003 was a challenge, but luckily I had my last picking scheduled just as the long, wicked late September heat spike hit. The fruit got to the winery in excellent shape and without the sugars going through the roof. The otherwise even ripening season from *veraison* through the middle of September delivered complex flavors and inky color.

The resulting wine is packed with luscious Bing cherry and plum chutney fruit and rendered rich and complex with undertones of cocoa, nutmeg, white pepper and "Rutherford dust". Trademark floral high notes are already beginning to develop in the bottle. Lush with gentle, mouth-coating tannins, it gracefully walks the line between power and elegance, perfectly balanced for a long, distinguished life.

-Cathy Corison

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Very dark ruby in the glass with a hint of purple, this wine smells of black cherry and plum and licorice with a hint of green herbs. In the mouth, the wine is darker and more brooding, but with that characteristic brightness and lift to it thanks to excellent acidity. Black plum and the lingering tanginess of plum skin hang in the finish. Very fine tannins meld with the wine's loamy qualities. 13.6% alcohol. Score: around **9.5**. *Alder Yarrow, vinography.com, 6.27.2015*



90-92 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley

Good full ruby. Sweet aromas of cassis, blackberry, licorice and violet. Juicy and sweet, with excellent clarity of flavor. Bears a strong resemblance to the 2002. A firmly built wine, with excellent acidity and inner-mouth energy. Finishes with noteworthy persistence and subtlety of flavor.

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

San Francisco Chronicle

☆☆☆ 2003 Corison Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Cathy Corison picked her fruit just as a September heat wave began, and the 13.6 percent alcohol shows ripeness without heat, typical of Corison's moderate approach. Buoyant fruit shines through, with red cherry highlights and balanced tannins.

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2003 Corison, Napa Valley – Medium-dark ruby with purplish tinges; cedary, cassis and black cherry fruit aroma with a note of vanilla; medium-full to full body; rich, flinty, cedary, black cherry fruit flavors; medium-full to full tannin; lingering aftertaste. **Highly recommended.** 13.6% alcohol; 2,500 cases; 100% CS; released October 2006.

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Winemaker Cathy Corison knows that pure flavors come from picking the grapes early. Thus, in 03, she avoided the vicious heat spike that tarnished many Cabs. The result is a wine that revels in blackberry and cassis, with anise and a trademark floral note. It's smooth, but it has a streak of exuberant acidity.

Jordan Mackay, San Francisco 7X7, October 2007