

## 2020 Corison Kronos Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon



In 2020, we had a nearly perfect, long and cool ripening season (despite the Covid chaos swirling around), and harvested almost two and a half weeks before the Glass Fire. With the wines already in barrels, filters kept the air clean in the winery and the lovely 2020 Kronos is the result.

Tightly knit and holding its winning hand close to the vest, this classic Kronos presents with a potpourri of boysenberry, plum, white pepper, anise, cocoa and baking spices. *Garrigue* and violets light up the aromas, and timeless intensity and density promise great things to come. The finish goes on and on. Magnums are etched with an anniversary star to commemorate this 25th release of Kronos Cabernet.

~ Cathy Corison

**Decanter** 97 Cathy Corison's iconic Kronos Vineyard bottling from St. Helena is made of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon aged 20 months in 50% new French oak. Remarkable purity of fruit and savoury aromatics. This is a beautiful wine with finely-delineated blackberry, black cherry, black currant notes and expressive graphite minerality. Fresh, lively, and built like a skyscraper, with long, firm beams of cedary tannins and tangy blood orange acidity. The finish is long, vivid, and marked by dried herbs, citrus, and wildflowers: a real highlight and a bright spot in this challenging vintage.

*Jonathan Cristaldi, Decanter Magazine, 5 April 2023*



92 The 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon Kronos Vineyard is a powerhouse. Black cherry, mocha, incense, tobacco and gravel add to an impression of searing gravitas.

*Antonio Galloni, Vinous, October 2022*



95 Corison's 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon Kronos Vineyard is more floral than the other offerings, easily marrying hints of thyme blossom with fresh cassis and a delicate touch of vanilla. It's medium to full-bodied, marginally larger in scale than even the Sunbasket bottling, but still refined, balanced and elegant, with a long, silky-textured finish.

*Joe Czerwinski, Wine Advocate, December 29, 2023*



94 Blackcurrants, cigar box and dried herbs on top of the blackberries and Spanish chocolate. Deep and rich, but still quite fresh and vertical on the palate, with dense and fine-grained tannins dunked into the zesty, dark fruit. Well structured.

*James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com, September 13, 2022*



17+ Brooding, very deep, blackish crimson. Lifted aroma - on the nose it seems more vivacious than the Sunbasket. On the palate it's still a little angular, waiting to have the holes filled in. I'd cellar this rather than drink it now, though it's already impressively long.

*Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com, 26 April, 2023*

**WINE ENTHUSIAST** 96 Cellar Selection - Deep-seated black fruits and light smoky-spicy oak notes waft from the glass before full tannins and saturated black cherries and black currants wake up the palate. This agile, elegant wine is enjoyable now after decanting, but needs further age to show its full potential. *Jim Gordon, Wine Enthusiast Magazine, 4/1/24*

**Wine & Spirits** 95 Fragrant and formidable, this 2020 cabernet stands apart, the vines now more than half a century old, rooted deep into their benchland soils, farmed to ripen early. It's a welcoming vintage of Kronos, the tannins gentle in their youth, while the wine has detail and keeps giving new perspectives as it opens. This has fruit, but it isn't like any specific fruit you could name, it's just Kronos, somewhere between a berry and a fresh woodland mushroom. There's a coolness to the wine that makes it completely Cathy Corison's own. No one else grows fruit in the heat of St. Helena with this kind of cool savor. She has made the produce of the land a reflection of her intelligence and spirit.

*Joshua Greene, Wine & Spirits Magazine, 3/24*



**95+** Deep garnet-purple in color, the single-varietal 2020 Kronos Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon gallops out with notes of wild blueberries, black raspberries, and crushed blackcurrants followed by hints of dried Provence herbs, iron ore, and forest floor. The medium-bodied palate is tightly wound with black fruit and earthy layers, supported by firm, fine-grained tannins, finishing long and minerally.

*Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Independent, November 8, 2023*

**JEB DUNNUCK**

**94** The 2020 Cabernet Sauvignon Kronos Vineyard offers a touch more density and depth, with medium to full-bodied aromas and flavors of ripe currants, blackberries, tobacco, and leather, with a kiss of background minerality. This concentrated, layered 2020 has tons to love, and I'd put it up with the best of the vintage.

*Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, 12/26/23*



**92** Bright and open-knit, with a pretty hibiscus note leading the way for friendly plum and loganberry fruit. Offers a lightly toasty frame and good energy, keeping this on the sleek, fresh side through the finish.

*James Molesworth, Wine Spectator, Jan 22, 2024*

**VIEW FROM THE CELLAR**

**96** The 2020 "Kronos Vineyard" bottling of Cabernet Sauvignon is another stunning young wine from Cathy Corison. The wine comes in this year at an even fourteen percent octane and delivers a pure and beautifully complex bouquet of black cherries, sweet blackberries, cigar wrapper, dark soil tones, smoke, hints of violets and a deft framing of new oak. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied and very elegant in personality, with a sappy core of fruit, fine-grained, buried tannins, impeccable focus and balance and a long, nascently complex and extremely promising finish. This is going to be pure magic in the bottle once it is ready to drink.

*John Gilman, View from the Cellar, Issue #109, Jan-Feb 2024*



**97** The magical 2020 Corison 'Kronos Vineyard' Cabernet Sauvignon is one of the great wines of Napa made in 2020. Coming from this site first planted back in 1971, this comes off as inky black in the glass, reveling in layers of creme de violette (and) allspice dusted blackberry... on the nose. The palate is soft and refined with a silky texture and great sense of flavor density. Concentrated black tea, boysenberry and coffee ground flavors mingle well with black florals and a vibrant underlying tension. Considering the challenges at harvest, this is quite simply a masterpiece. Kudos to Cathy Corison and her team on this accomplishment.

*OwenBargreen.com, November 2023*



**\*\*\*\*\*** The 2020 Kronos is remarkable: distinct, elegant, and intense in aroma and flavor (blackberry, black currant, black cherry, black tea, vanilla, sweet pepper, oak), it is medium rich, very well balanced, and firm and very long on the finish. Bordeaux-like in terms of elegance, complexity, balance, and flavor... First rate.

*Ronn Wiegand, Restaurant Wine, March 2024*



**97** The 2020 Kronos Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon from Corison is utterly captivating, and one of the most successful wines from this challenging vintage. It immediately begins to impress as it displays remarkable elegance, purity and a lovely sense of character. This opens incredibly perfumed aromas of ripe blackcurrants and black cherries, which are woven together with fresh cut violets, graphite, wet gravel with hints of herbs and licorice that all take shape. The palate is full-bodied and well-structured with polished tannins that wrap its mineral-laced core. It goes on to display outstanding overall precision and balance leading up to the lovely dark berry and mineral driven finish. This is a simply stunning wine from Corison that is fantastic now, it should go on to offer years of drinking pleasure ahead. Kronos Vineyard seems to thrive in just about any condition mother nature can throw at it, and with Cathy Corison at the helm, this is a wine you can count on being fantastic in any vintage.

*Joe D'Angelo, International Wine Report, 2024*