

2021 Corison Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon



In 2021, a small crop of tiny, tasty berries was the result of major drought, cool weather at flowering in May, and a heat spike in June. Then moderate temperatures throughout the ripening season brought the fruit to balanced perfection. It's my 35th vintage!

This wine is so pretty, with dried rose, violet and peony perfume. It's joined by juicy bright red cherry, raspberry and darker plum, cassis and blackberry fruit notes. Dust, baking spices and hints of chocolate integrate with velvety tannins in seamless harmony. Mouthwatering natural acidity lends snappy balance and the flavors go on and on in the finish.
~ Cathy Corison

Decanter 97 A totally seductive, fresh, and vibrant 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from Cathy Corison showcasing fragrant black cherry and blue fruit aromatics, a hint of liquorice and incense, and toasty cedarwood. Medium to full-bodied, with silky boysenberry fruit, satiny tannins, a spine of tantalising acidity, and a long mineral-rich finish lifted by tangerine peel and grapefruit zest. Aged 20 months in French oak barrels, of which 50% were new. The winery has been a Napa staple almost since opening its doors in 1987.
Jonathan Cristaldi, Decanter Magazine, 12 May 2024



95 This takes an elegant approach, offering racy, refined notes of iris, violet, hibiscus and mulberry that stay focused and fresh from start to finish, flashing light mineral and anise accents along the way. The finish glistens with purity, and the precision should allow this to evolve nicely in the cellar. Drink now through 2040.

James Molesworth, Wine Spectator, August 14, 2024



93 The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley) is gorgeous. Medium in body and super-expressive, the 2021 is a classic Cathy Corison wine. Pipe tobacco, cedar, crushed leaves and earthy tones all run through this wonderfully nuanced Cabernet Sauvignon. Readers will find an exquisite, alluring old-school Napa Cabernet that delivers the goods, big time. All the elements are so well balanced.

Antonio Galloni, Vinous – explore all things wine, December 2023



(Cathy's) Cabernet Sauvignon may be one of the best she's ever made, though we'll need to wait 20 years to be completely sure, as I think it will improve for at least that long. It's truly a tremendous wine, one that deftly marries power and depth with elegance and finesse. I can't recommend it highly enough.

Dark garnet in the glass, this wine smells of black cherry, cassis, herbs, and dark earth. In the mouth, gorgeously seamless flavors of black cherry, earth, licorice, blackcurrant, and dried flowers are wrapped in a muscular, fleecy blanket of fine-grained tannins. Fantastic acidity and incredible length, this is a wine that is going to last for decades. Poised, elegant, deep, and profound. 13.6% alcohol. Score: between **9.5** and **10**.

Alder Yarrow, Vinography.com, 4/28/24



96 A demonstration of restraint with depth focused on complexity, length, and poise. This 100% Cabernet Sauvignon delivers flavors of cedar, firm black plum, and the lightest touch of coffee, lifted by aromatics of crushed fennel seed and hints of pink grapefruit. Tannins are powdery fine while persistent, carried into a long finish by mouthwatering acidity. *Elaine Chukan Brown, Wine Enthusiast Magazine, July 2024*

94 **** Notes of blackberries and forest berries, black olives, cedar and wet earth. Full-bodied, very fine and polished, with firm, chalky tannins and crunchy dark fruit that is fresh and succulent. Hints of crushed stone at the end.

jamesuckling.com, 13 March, 2024

VIEW FROM THE CELLAR **95** (The) 2021 cabernet sauvignon is another brilliant wine in the long line of brilliant wines from Cathy, coming in at 13.6 percent octane and delivering a stunning young aromatic constellation of cassis, sweet dark berries, tobacco leaf, a complex base of Rutherford Dust soil tones, cigar ash and a suave foundation of new oak. On the palate the wine is pure, focused and full-bodied, with a lovely core of fruit, fine soil signature and grip, fine-grained, buried tannins and stunning balance on the long, complex and utterly seamless finish.

John Gilman, View from the Cellar, Issue #111, May-June 2024

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95 The 2021 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is another brilliant release from Corison. Offering incredibly perfumed aromas of blackberries and cassis, which are woven together with fresh cut florals, spices, sage, crushed gravel and graphite nuances that all take shape.

The palate is medium to full-bodied and beautifully structured with polished tannins that firmly wrap its core. It goes on to display outstanding overall precision and balance with wonderful purity and a remarkable sense of freshness that continues through the long finish. This is a simply stunning wine from Cathy Corison that is already a pleasure to approach now, but is also destined for a marvelous future ahead. *Joe D'Angelo, International Wine Report, April 2024*



96 A gorgeous wine from a great vintage, the 2021 Corison 'Napa Valley' Cabernet Sauvignon is already beautifully evolved right now. On the nose this displays tar, anise and beautiful black rose petals, with a graphite edge. The palate is soft and refined with a seamless texture. Layers of dense black and blue fruits parade with stony minerals, espresso grounds and loamy soils. A total knockout, enjoy this beautiful wine over the next twenty years.

owenbargreen.com, April 27, 2023