2022 Corison Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon



The weather in August, the belly of the ripening season and the critical window for wine quality, was nearly perfect in 2022, with long, cool days and nighttime temperatures dipping as low as the chilly 40F's. We started picking Cabernet Sauvignon on 31 August and were most of the way through harvest when the intense heat began around Labor Day. The result was a small harvest of tiny, delicious berries.

The 2022 is so pretty with violet and dried rose perfume right out of the chute. Bright cherries and blueberries join darker cassis and plum flavors for delightful complexity. Provençal herbs, anise and wet-stone mineral notes join in the fun.

~ Cathy Corison

Decanter

95 Aged for 20 months in French oak barrels, 50% of which were new, this wine is tart and racy, with a red-toned fruit profile complemented by saline-mineral intensity on the nose and palate. Aromas of leather, green olive, and cherrywood add complexity. The palate is immediately

enveloped by multidimensional tannins with a pixelated quality, arresting the senses before giving way to sanguine fruit and vibrant minerality. The finish is layered with notes of blood orange, citrus peel, sandalwood, and loamy earth. A testament to the winery, a Napa Valley staple since it opened its doors in 1987, this wine showcases precision and depth in every sip.

Jonathan Cristaldi, Decanter, 22 Jan 2025



The 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley) is polished and understated to the core. Lifted aromatics and silky tannins confer notable finesse. Readers will find a sublime, nuanced Cabernet of distinction. It's the sort of wine that will blossom with time in the bottle... This is pure class.

Antonio Galloni, Vinous, December 2024

VIEW FROM THE CELLAR

95+ Cathy Corison's 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon "Napa Valley" bottling is another in the long, long line of impeccably balanced, utterly classical,

legends in the making from California's finest cabernet sauvignon producer. The wine tips the scales at 13.5 percent octane in this vintage and delivers a complex and classy bouquet of cassis, black cherries, Cuban cigar wrapper, a beautiful foundation of Rutherford Bench soil tones, coffee bean, incipient smokiness and a suave framing of nutty new oak. On the palate the wine is full-bodied, refined and precise, with a great core of ripe fruit, lovely soil undertow and grip, ripe, buried tannins and great focus and grip on the long, impeccably balanced and extremely promising finish.

John Gilman, View from the Cellar, March-April 2025



93 A bold and deep expression, packed with blackberries, blackcurrants, dark chocolate, black olives, dark earth and licorice. The full-bodied, dense and fruit-driven palate carries fine-grained tannins and is balanced with bright

acidity, finishing with hints of mocha and wet stones.

James Suckling, jamessuckling.com, March 21, 2025



95 A downright killer wine from a challenging vintage, the 2022 Corison 'Napa Valley' Cabernet Sauvignon is drinking beautifully now. Round and generous on the tongue, with good freshness, this offers a dense core of dark cherry and roasted fig flavors alongside espresso bean, loamy soils and shades of menthol on the palate. This is just a sensational effort in '22.

Owen Bargreen, owenbargreen.com, July 11, 2025



94 The 2022 Napa Valley Cabernet from Corison is fantastic. It opens with a deep, expressive bouquet of ripe blackberries and black cherries, woven together with fragrant notes of exotic spice, fresh florals, tobacco and a touch of crushed gravel. On the palate, it is

medium-bodied, and beautifully structured, with fine, polished tannins providing a lovely backbone for the core of dark and red fruit, which are nuanced by flavors of tobacco, spice, and mineral undertones unfolding in harmony, leading to a long, resonant finish. This is a remarkable showing from Corison in this vintage, approachable now with decanting, yet built to evolve gracefully in the cellar for well over a decade.

J. D'Angelo, International Wine Report, May 2025