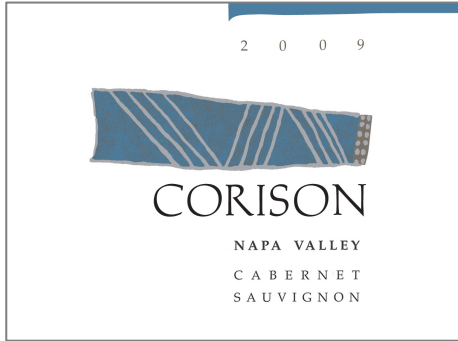


2009 Corison Cabernet Sauvignon



A third year of drought kept the crop size down in 2009. A mild, relatively cool growing season followed by a moderate September and cold October made for an uncommonly long ripening season. Resulting flavors are wildly complex with juicy fruit flavors ranging from black cherries and blueberries through plums all the way to cassis and blackberries. Cedar, anise, baking spice and chocolate top notes add layers of interest. Appealing floral notes of violets, lavender and rose petals are already gracing the aromas and a lovely dusty minerality signals a very special vintage.

- Cathy Corison, September 2012

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Dark garnet in color, this wine smells of green herbs, black cherry, forest floor and a hint of graphite. In the mouth, blueberry and black cherry fruit mix with wet earth and crushed stones. Bright juicy acidity and muscular, fine-grained tannins. Long and juicy. Tight. This wine will be quite long-lived judging by its acidity and structure. Excellent. 13.6% alcohol. Score: around **9.5**.

Alder Yarrow, *vinography.com*, 6.27.2015

VIEW FROM THE CELLAR **94** One wishes that there were more cabernet producers in Napa Valley that think along the lines of Cathy Corison, as her 2009

Cabernet Sauvignon comes in at a very cool and classy 13.6 percent alcohol and has the purity and complexity to prove that lower octane is where true quality is found in Napa. The resulting wine is really superb, offering up a deep and very classy bouquet of red and black cherries, allspice, tobacco leaf, a touch of red plum, lovely, Rutherford soil tones, fresh thyme and a deft framing of spicy new oak. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied and potentially quite velvety in texture, with excellent focus and nascent complexity, fine-grained tannins, good acids and really exceptional length and grip on the perfectly balanced and elegant finish. This will need a good decade (at least) to really blossom and realize all of its potential, but it is going to be a superb bottle of cabernet in the fullness of time. Kudos to Cathy Corison for making such old school, classy and ageworthy cabernet in today's crazy world of Napa Valley! 2023-2055.

John Gillman, *View from the Cellar #69*, May-June 2017

Wine Spectator

Smooth and polished, offering a graceful mix of pure, rich black cherry and plum fruit that's delicate and well-centered, accented by spice and black licorice. Ends with supple, firm tannins and a dash of earthiness.

James Laube, *Wine Spectator*, June 30, 2013



94 Cathy Corison's 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon Corison is surprisingly deep, powerful and tannic. An exotic melange of dark cherries, plums, grilled herbs wraps around the palate. The 2009 is endowed with serious depth and tons of pure, unbridled energy. Mocha, espresso, menthol, and sweet spices all inform the warm, resonant finish... these are two drop-dead gorgeous wines from Cathy Corison,

one of Napa Valley's most overlooked winemakers. Stylistically, the 2009s are a bit bigger and richer than has typically been the case here. The 2009s may surprise long-time Corison fans for their size, but the wines are impeccably balanced and pure.

Antonio Galloni, *Wine Advocate #204*, December 2012

San Francisco Chronicle

Top 100 Wines of 2012: Cabernet and Merlot

One sniff of wine from Cathy Corison, our 2011 Winemaker of the Year, and you're instantly reminded what Cabernet truly is. The 2009 is an exceptional version, full of mineral power, with nuance from pencil lead, chicory and tobacco, and tension-filled plum fruit that perfectly frames a gorgeous vintage.

Jon Bonné, *San Francisco Chronicle*, December 2012

2009 Napa Cabernets: The Chronicle recommends

"Here was just the sort of vintage to play to Cathy Corison's strengths - a year where you could make a taut, ripe wine without a drop of fat. Corison handled it beautifully. Full of mineral power, with pencil lead and chicory, and a tobacco-leaf freshness. Plummy, tight and a bit dusky, a subtly shaded wine with nuance and refinement.

Jon Bonné, *San Francisco Chronicle*, June 2011

Dan Berger's Vintage Experiences
The Weekly Wine Commentary

EXCEPTIONAL Another in a long string of fantastic Cabernets from Cathy Corison. Her deft hand shows in the elegant yet powerful aroma of tarragon/spice, and depth that will develop more intensely in time. A stellar wine, and similar to many Napa Cabernets that once delivered the same sort of mid-palate elements aimed at the dinner table.

Dan Berger's Vintage Experiences, Volume XVI, Issue 12 May 3, 2011



Full medium ruby. Blueberry, violet, licorice and a whiff of leather on the inviting nose. Juicy and vibrant, with a dominant flavor of crunchy blackberry and blueberry and a complicating note of licorice. For all its clarity and energy, and firm tannins, this is likely to offer relatively early appeal for a Corison wine. **91-93**

Steve Tanzer's International Wine Cellar May/June 2011

Purely Domestic Wine Report

92 Corison regularly creates wines that defy the conventional wisdom of what should be coming out of the region, creating elegant wines that are a full 2% lower in alcohol than many of its peers. Vibrant nose of cherry, plum, lilac and violet with underlying graphite, loam and gravel. The palate has a delicate, floral feel along with blue fruit; berries and plum, in a cut-velvet texture. The emphasis is on restraint and balance through the mid palate, where it develops some supple underlying flavors through the finish of bright red pomegranate, brilliantly polished.

Doug Wilder, April 1, 2012



93 Long noted for wines of restraint and finesse, Corison has come up with yet another sleek and stylish Cabernet that is at once substantial and wonderfully polished. It offers layers of cassis, sweet oak and subtle dusty soil spice and is already surprisingly complex for the young wine that it is, and its lengthy finish is underscored by deftly placed, very fine-grained tannins. It will age gracefully by dint of its balance as much as by its richness, and it will last for many years.

Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine, August 2012