



2000 Corison Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Tasting Notes from 25 Vintage Retrospective Tasting

Dark red. Savory, dark fruit including plum, cassis, blueberry preserves, earthy minerality, cedar, spice, toast, perfume of dried flowers.

~ Cathy Corison, October 2014

Tasting Notes Upon Release

The ripening season in 2000 was particularly long with warm days and cold nights yielding wines with unrivaled color, extraordinary complexity and perfect balance. From great benchland vineyards between Rutherford and St. Helena in the Napa Valley, this wine is powerful and elegant at the same time. Spice and mineral notes complement layers of red fruit flavors including black cherries, currants and plums. With several years in the bottle, it is resolved and harmonious and has developed a lovely perfume of violets and lavender. Its firm structure and moderate alcohol, at 13.6%, help it to grace the table. The finish goes on and on.

~ Cathy Corison, August 2003

Retrospective Reviews



94 Deep garnet-brick colored, the 2000 Corison Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon delivers notes of fruit cake, prunes, and dried herbs with hints of crushed rocks, balsamic, leather, and tobacco. Medium-bodied, the palate is elegantly styled and refreshing, with a chewy texture supporting the savory layers, finishing on a lingering note of exotic spices.

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, The Wine Independent, January 1, 2024



Dark ruby in color, this wine smells of rich black cherry, graphite, licorice, and forest floor. In the mouth, graphite, forest floor, dark cherry and plum skin mix with a juicy citrusy acidity under a blanket of fleecy tannins. Big and robust, this wine has a depth and intensity that is quite powerful despite being incredibly light on its feet. Notes of forest floor graphite and a bit of leather linger in the finish. Excellent acidity. Phenomenal. 13.6% alcohol.

Score: between 9.5 and 10.

Alder Yarrow, vinography.com, 6.27.2015

Napa Valley Then & Now

This wine is at a truly incredible place in its drinking window. It beguiles with its sweet dark fruit, generous palate, and kiss of earth and dust. Though it certainly has a long life ahead of it, it is very hard to resist right now.

Kelli White, Napa Valley Then & Now, 2015

Reviews Upon Release

Wine Spectator Weekly

Supple and harmonious, it wins points with its sense of understatement, with spicy currant, black cherry and plummy notes, that are well-balanced and rich without being too powerful. Fine-grained tannins make it easy to enjoy now.

Wine Spectator Weekly, August 14, 2003



**** Excellent (and not overdone or pushed too far): fragrant, distinct and fine in the nose; supple, full-bodied, crisp and moderately intense in flavor (red currant, blackberry, cherry, plum, spicy oak) and long on the finish.

Ronn Wiegand, Restaurant Wine, September/October 2003



The 2000 Cabernet Sauvignon...shows blackberry, black raspberry, sweet cassis, sweet oak, black cherry, notes of leather, and a hint of smoke on the nose. All repeat as flavors with well-integrated, fine, ripe, smooth tannins and finish long and medium-broad. Elegantly styled and nicely aromatic it is well balanced and structured with nice depth. Very nice.

The Colorado Wine News, July-September 2003