



2007 Corison Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

2007 was the first of several droughty years with only 60% of normal rainfall. Warm weather in March resulted in an early bud-break but a long, moderate to cool summer lengthened the ripening season nicely and yielded wonderful natural acidity in the grapes. It was one of those vintages that made winemaking look easy. Warm, rich aromas feature cinnamon, pie crust, ripe plums and cassis fruit kissed by cocoa and anise. Layered flavors of black cherries, red currants, plums and pomegranate linger. The lush texture in the mouth is full and round and tempered with perfect balance and velvety tannins.

- Cathy Corison, August 2000

Retrospective Reviews:



Vintage Retrospective: The 2007 Napa Valley Cabernets

Ruby-red. Discreet scents of black plum, dark berries and black pepper lifted by a violet topnote.

Densely packed and a bit more pliant than the Kronos Vineyard example, displaying lovely purity to its juicy, fine-grained dark berry flavors. An element of salty minerality contributes to the dominant impression of energy. The rising finish is ripely tannic, long and perfumed.

Stephen Tanzer, *Vinous*, March 2017



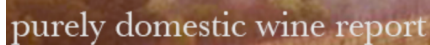
Very dark garnet in color, this wine smells of dried flowers, dark cherry and licorice. In the mouth, rich black cherry and cocoa powder mix with licorice and graphite notes on top of a faint wet earth quality. Supple but muscular tannins, enclose the wine in a firm grip. Excellent acidity and length. A gunpowder note lingers in the finish. Juicy and delicious. 13.8% alcohol. Score: around 9.5

Alder Yarrow, *vinography.com*, 6.27.2015

Napa Valley Then & Now

This wine combines very charming red fruit with the cut of terrific delineation. The nose is a compelling blend of fresh red cherries, dried herbs, graphite and iron. On the palate the wine is savory and balanced, with a long, precise finish. Somehow both elegant and powerful at the same time.

Kelli White, 2015



94 A nose of dried red fruits, spice, tobacco and hard Christmas candy. The palate is driven by floral violet and red fruit with great length and elegance leading to the core. There is exceptional vitality to the velvet-like fruit. It is aging beautifully. Doug Wilder, *purely domestic wine report volume 3.1*, October 2013

Reviews Upon Release:



18 Perfectly ripe cassis, plum and pomegranate fruit, with sandalwood, sage, liquorice and spice accents. Good grip, refreshing acidity, and a completeness that suggests drinking now, yet the patient will put it away for a few years and be justly rewarded.

JancisRobinson.com, 7 February 2011

San Francisco Chronicle

The ripe vintage provided some extra stuffing to the Corison style, but it's still a pure, graphite-edged expression, with cassis and burnt sage. That trademark Corison freshness is matched by lots of dense fruit that makes it approachable now.

Jon Bonné, *San Francisco Chronicle*, January 1, 2012



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2007 Corison Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon: Cathy Corison's restrained style is a model for less being more, and this is her best in years - a pure, graphite-edged expression of cassis-filled Cabernet, with sage and sandalwood accents, and a racy profile that's a brilliant expression of 2007 ripeness. Trademark Corison freshness with lots of stuffing.

Sunday San Francisco Chronicle, November 28, 2010



Deep red-ruby. Aromas of blackberry and cassis, bitter chocolate, with hints of leather and meat with truffle accents. Dense and rich, with dark flavors of black cherry, boysenberry, chocolate and minerals complemented by a suggestion of Provencal herbs.

This boasts very good stuffing for a Corison wine, with the result that the substantial dusty tannins make their presence felt quite late, allowing the boysenberry and chocolate finishing flavors to build. Complicated by licorice and herbs.

Finishes dry and classic, with lingering suggestions of boysenberry, tobacco and iron. **90-93 points**

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, May 2010



Medium-dark ruby color with purplish tinges; attractive, moderately intense, spicy, plummy, cassis and sweet blackberry fruit aroma with notes of vanilla and graphite; full body; rich, textured, cedary, currant and ripe blackberry fruit flavors with a silk

entry and nicely integrated fruit and oak; well balanced and structured; medium-full to full tannin; lingering aftertaste.

Shows complexity and distinctive varietal character. Very approachable now, though it deserves another three to five more years of bottle aging. **Very highly recommended.** (My Score: 17 [92 of 100 points], **first place**)

California Grapevine, October-November 2010



92 If sporting a nice nose to start with a good dose of curranty fruit in control, this bottling unfolds with a few moments of air and takes on complexing elements of rich oak, roasted herbs and a bit of forest-floor spice. It begins with a fine, supple entry then tightens and firms in the fashion of a young Cabernet, but it is always balanced and consistent in focus with a sense of wine-making polish that makes us believe that it will improve in the bottle for a good many years.

Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine, December 2010