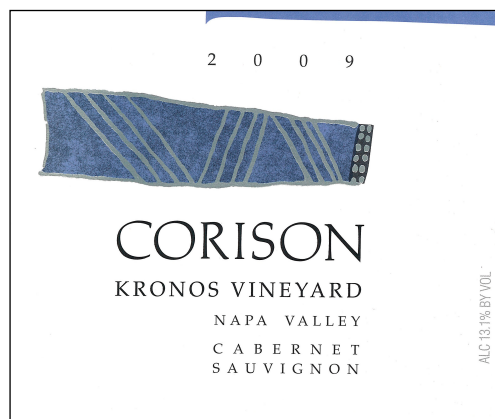


2009 Corison Kronos Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon



A third year of drought kept the crop size down in 2009. Mild, relatively cool weather during the growing season was followed by a moderate September and cold October, making for an uncommonly long ripening season. Resulting flavors are wildly complex with juicy fruit flavors ranging from black cherries and plums all the way to black currants and blackberries. This wine is very concentrated but is light on its feet at the same time. Baking spice and chocolate notes complement a floral perfume of violets, lavender and rose petals in the aromas. Signature Kronos Vineyard minerality wraps the package.

~ Cathy Corison, March 2013

Reviews from our 25-Year Kronos Retrospective Tasting:

Decanter 96 A youthfully exuberant wine, bursting with ripe cherry, crunchy apple skin, and elegant cedarwood spices, accented by hints of black licorice and rich loamy earth. Full-bodied and super compact, with firm, taut tannins that exude real muscularity. A terrific spine of tension-filled acidity drives the wine, promising a long and dynamic evolution in the bottle.

Jonathan Cristaldi, *Decanter*, 27 Oct, 2024

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The Majesty of Time: 25 Years of Corison's Kronos Cabernet

Dark garnet in the glass, this wine smells of black cherry, blueberry, sage, and wet stone. In the mouth, incredibly fine-grained tannins wrap around a core of blue and dark red fruits with dried flowers and an ethereal texture that is remarkably compelling. Fine dried herbs and flowers linger in the finish. Regal and refined with a lithe grace and subtle power that is riveting. 13.1% alcohol. 210 cases made. Score: around 10.

Alder Yarrow, *Vinography*, December 3, 2024

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Earlier Reviews:



94 Deep garnet in color, the 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon Kronos Vineyard is a little closed and broody to begin, slowly revealing notes of baked plums, blackcurrant jelly, sandalwood and tobacco leaf with emerging scents of sautéed herbs, forest floor, cedar chest and stewed tea. Medium-bodied, the palate possesses fantastic freshness and a chewy texture with a great intensity of mature, earthy flavors in a delicately played package, finishing long on a compelling ferrous note.

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, *Wine Advocate*, Jan 09, 2020



95 It is easy to understand why Cathy Corison's Cabernets enjoy such an enthusiastic following. Her style, based in large measure on her preference for soils and sites she identified as best for nicely ripened grapes with a certain bright fruit balance, enable her to produce wines that are full of flavors and lower in alcohol than almost any other maker in the Napa Valley. In this wine, Corison offers an exceptional combination of exuberant fruit, admirable depth, layers of curranty, cherryish and roasted vanilla flavors and nicely mannered tannins. To say that the wine is tasty without being bold is to miss the point. Its flavors go on and on, and they build through the finish, yet there is not a hint of excess at any stop, and the wine is sure to age on its balance, complexity and underlying firmness rather than on the basis of large and palate-challenging muscularity. We know that the top Cabernets can last up to twenty years. This is such a wine.

Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine, April 2013



96 The 2009 Kronos Cabernet Sauvignon is bigger, richer and deeper...Plums, black currants, cassis, tar and pencil shavings all come to life in this utterly vivid, large-scaled Cabernet Sauvignon. The 2009 Kronos is endowed with serious intensity, yet retains a pretty classic sense of structure. Violets, roses and flowers of all sorts wrap around the poised, beautifully articulated finish. This is a dazzling

showing from Cathy Corison. Anticipated maturity: 2019-2029.

Antonio Galloni, Wine Advocate #204, December 2012



19 - Top Wine in Tasting Corison, Kronos Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon 2009 Napa Valley: Kronos vineyard planted 1972. On St. George rootstock. This wine was on the list of all seven tasting moderators who came up with their top 15 Cabs as the basis for the selection in this California Summit tasting.

Inky with dark cherry rim. Dusty overlay. Spice and dark fruit on the nose but does not smell especially ripe because not particularly sweet on the nose but on the palate there is remarkable dark elegance and even a touch of red fruit character in its freshness. Finest dry tannins. Ripeness combined with ripe acid from a very hot part of the valley. 'One hardworking woman in a barn', is how Karen MacNeil described Cathy Corison. With time in the glass, a fragrance of red fruit starts to emerge. So elegant.

JH, jancisrobinson.com, 2 Dec 2013

17+ Dark ruby core reaching to ruby edges. Star bright in the glass. Aromatics of pomegranate, dried citrus and iron accents carry into the palate on a body of fine-grained tannin and persistent acidity. Bright ruby-red grapefruit notes – juice, pith, and zest – move through the full length of the palate alongside red- and blackcurrant, pomegranate and gunpowder accents. A lovely earthy, crystalline freshness and iron powder enliven the complexity here. Lovely wine with approachability now and a fine-boned structure to continue evolving. Drink 2018-2032

Elaine Chukan Brown, jancisrobinson.com, 12 Mar 2019



Icon Wines of Napa: A Tasting 2009 Corison "Kronos Vineyard" Cabernet Sauvignon, St. Helena, Napa: Dark garnet in the glass, this wine smells of violets and cedar and forest floor. In the mouth the wine is bright and juicy with cherry and licorice on top of a beautiful deep earthy mineral core. Fabulous acidity and length, not to mention a gorgeous texture. 13.1% alcohol. Score: around **9.5**

Alder Yarrow, vinography.com, October 23, 2013