

2022 Corison Kronos Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon



The weather in August, 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 mostly finished harvesting when intense heat began around Labor Day. The result was a small harvest of tiny, delicious berries.

Classic Kronos Vineyard, the 2022 is juicy and mineral, sporting kaleidoscopic complexity. Aromas of dark fruit and baking spices join fresh thyme, mint and sage, complexing a pretty floral perfume of violets and lavender, with notes of cacao. Brooding blueberry, plum, boysenberry, and cassis fruit complement cinnamon, nutmeg and clove. Lush, velvety, and mouth-coating, it is weighty without being heavy, showing a quiet richness.

~ Cathy Corison



18+ Medium vibrant purple. Wafting aromas of plum and a vein of fresh leafiness. Darker fruit than red... Brooding, concentrated fruit. Fine tannin that builds and complements the high, fresh acidity. Slight mintiness to the finish.

Samantha Cole-Johnson, JancisRobinson.com, 21 April, 2025



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97 The 2022 Kronos Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is yet another masterful creation from Cathy Corison, showcasing the elegance and balance that have become her signature. The wine opens with captivating aromatics of ripe black currants and blackberries along with crushed violets, graphite, gravel, tobacco and a faint touch of licorice as each swirl of the glass reveals new layers of complexity and depth. On the palate, the wine is vibrant and impeccably pure, displaying remarkable focus, precision, and a graceful sense of energy. The core of luscious red and dark fruit is beautifully framed by refined, polished tannins that lend both texture and structure. Notes of mineral and spice carry through to a long, persistent finish that lingers with elegance and poise. While this Cabernet is already showing impressive character and undeniable charm in its youth, it is clear that it will continue to evolve beautifully over the next decade or more. Patient collectors will be rewarded with a wine that is expressive, beautifully crafted and speaks to both place and precision.

Joe D'Angelo, International Wine Report, November 2025



98 Intriguing aromatics evoke Earl Grey tea laced with vanilla and hints of fresh cedar. The tannins are elongated, firm, and taut with a mineral-scented quality that builds with skyscraper-like intensity on the finish, delivering remarkable length and uplift. One of the few 2022 Napa

Cabs with the structure and complexity to cellar for multiple decades. A multidimensional and utterly captivating wine. The winery, a Napa Valley staple since its founding in 1987, has delivered a polished, elegant, and expressive wine in 2022 that defies the heat of the vintage.

Jonathan Cristaldi, Decanter Magazine, 19 Mar 2025



95 The 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon Kronos Vineyard is a baby. Aromatic and light on its feet, it is only showing a bit of its potential today... Bright acids and beams of tannin shape this persistent, wonderfully classy St. Helena Cabernet Sauvignon. *Antonio Galloni, Vinous, December 2024*



Dark garnet in the glass, this wine smells of blackcurrant, black cherry, black plum, and a hint of black pepper. In the mouth, gorgeous blackcurrant and licorice root flavors mix with what tastes like a hint of black peppercorn but without the spicy quality. Aromatic and mysterious, with lightly grippy tannins that stay supple with time and fantastic acidity. Score: around **9.5**.

Alder Yarrow, Vinography.com, Feb 7, 2026



95 The 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon Kronos Vineyard is made from 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. Deep garnet-purple colored, it prances out with classic cassis and juicy plum scents, opening out to suggestions of forest floor, camphor, potpourri, and cardamom. Medium- to full-

bodied, the palate is plush, plump, and juicy with magic tension and a great intensity of cassis and minty flavors, finishing with great length.

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, TheWinePalate.com, December 2025



96 This wine offers ripe blackberries, wild berries, black olives, wet stones and hints of spices and bay leaves. Full-bodied and compact, with very fine yet tightly wound tannins carrying a juicy core of fruit. The finish is firm but bright and precise. It offers

generous fruit while remaining deeply structured and focused.

James Suckling, JamesSuckling.com, March 21, 2025

98 Blood orange, boysenberry, parma violets, cassis, liquorice, black chocolate, cocoa bean, olive paste, dancing the line between herbs and floral in the best way... Supple tannins hold the line... this is a wine that will easily age for decades.

Jane Anson, janeanson.com, July 2026

WINE ENTHUSIAST

96 From the Kronos Vineyard, an icon of Napa Valley, the 2022 vintage captures a generous flavor and amplitude, with the poise of well-balanced structure, and a plenty lengthy graphite finish. Fresh berries, dark plums, bay leaf, and savory flavors combine with powder-fine tannins and poise.

Elaine Chukan Brown, Wine Enthusiast, March 2026

VIEW FROM THE CELLAR

94 Cathy Corison's 2022 Kronos Vineyard bottling of cabernet sauvignon is an utterly brilliant young wine. It is a fairly ripe vintage for Kronos... but is seamlessly balanced and very elegant in profile nonetheless. The wine's bouquet is a suave and youthful blend of red and black cherries, cigar wrapper, a lovely base of Rutherford soil tones, dark chocolate and a very elegant framing of new oak. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied, focused and refined in profile, with a beautiful core of fruit, lovely soil inflection and grip, fine-grained tannins and a long, nascently complex and beautifully balanced finish... she has managed to keep this wine very well balanced, pure and vibrant, despite the heat spikes of 2022.

John Gilman, View from the Cellar, Issue #120, Nov-Dec 2025

JEB DUNNUCK

93 Another incredibly successful 2022, the 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon Kronos Vineyard is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon aged 20 months in 50% new French oak. Deep purple/plum-hued, it shows sweet cassis, assorted red and black berries, spring flowers, incense, and spicy wood-driven aromatics. Medium to full-bodied, nicely textured, balanced, and elegant on the palate, it has the forward, slightly more front end-loaded style of the vintage yet solid mid-palate depth and ripe tannins. It's accessible today and should evolve gracefully over the coming 10-12 years, probably longer.

Jeb Dunnuck, JebDunnuck.com, 12/22/25



95 Classic oak-derived notes of cedar and vanilla accent ripe cherries in the 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon Kronos Vineyard. This medium- to full-bodied, concentrated and richly tannic wine is a real beauty, with a long, velvety finish. As in most vintages, it's the crème de la crème of Corison's lineup, capable of aging well for 20 years or more.

Joe Czerwinski, The Wine Advocate, May 7, 2026