

## 2022 Corison Sunbasket Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon



The weather in August was nearly perfect in 2022, with long, cool days and nighttime temperatures dipping as low as the chilly 40F's - perfect for fully ripening Cabernet Sauvignon at lower sugars. We started picking on 31 August and were most of the way through harvest when the intense heat began around Labor Day. The result was a small harvest of tiny, delicious berries.

We love the way the 2022 Sunbasket leans in the red and blue fruit direction, highlighting tart red cherries, blueberries and raspberries. Bright and fresh, it features an attractive mineral note and silky tannins, jumping out of the glass with rose-petal perfume. ~ Cathy Corison

### International WINE REPORT

**96** The 2022 Sunbasket Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is yet another sensational expression from Cathy Corison, exemplifying the grace, precision, and depth that define her style. This is classic Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon that opens with a gorgeous bouquet of ripe black raspberries, cassis, and red currants, intertwined with layers of graphite, crushed violets, tobacco leaf, fresh herbs, and hints of wet stones. On the palate it is beautifully proportioned and effortlessly graceful. Medium/full bodied, yet full of energy, it displays a harmonious combination of ripe fruit, bright acidity, and fine-grained tannins. The structure is impeccable, with a notable mineral-laced core and a refreshing lift of acidity which carries the wine through a long, precise finish, leaving lingering impressions of dark fruits and subtle gravel tones. This is a captivating and beautifully detailed Cabernet that is already drinking beautifully with remarkable balance and charm, it will undoubtedly continue to evolve gracefully over the next decade or more.

*Joe D'Angelo, International Wine Report, November 2025*



**95** The 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon Sunbasket Vineyard offers a beguiling mix of red fruit intermingled with strong mineral notes that lend energy and tension.

*Antonio Galloni, Vinous, December 2024*

### Decanter

**97** Cathy Corison has been crafting this single-vineyard designate from Sunbasket Vineyard in the St. Helena AVA since 2015. Aged for 20 months in 50% new French oak, it is arguably her most powerful Cabernet Sauvignon, and the 2022 vintage exemplifies that reputation. The sheer intensity of the wine is apparent from the first whiff, with bold aromas of dark berry fruit, black olive, saddle leather, rich loamy earth, and pressed wildflowers. On the palate, a rush of dark berry fruit infused with iron-like mineral intensity transitions into a cascade of suede-like, velvety tannins, framed by a nervy thread of juicy, crunchy acidity. This is unquestionably a standout wine from the vintage, showcasing an exceptional balance of tension, energy, and focus - a truly remarkable achievement.

*Jonathan Cristaldi, Decanter Magazine, 22 Jan, 2025*



**96** 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon Sunbasket Vineyard is made from 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. Deep garnet-purple colored, it rolls out with a gorgeous perfume of kirsch, fresh black cherries, and violets, followed by hints of lavender oil and mint tea. The light-bodied palate is wonderfully elegant and intense with energetic black and red fruit layers, great tension, and a velvety texture, finishing long and perfumed.

*Lisa Perrotti-Brown, TheWinePalate.com, December 2025*

### vinography

Very dark garnet in the glass, this wine smells of blackcurrants, black cherries, and violets. In the mouth, bright blackcurrant and black cherry flavors have a wonderful lithe lightness on the palate, as powdery tannins coat the mouth and stiffen slightly with time. There's a weightlessness to this wine that is surprising. Fantastic acidity. Score: between **9** and **9.5**.

*Alder Yarrow, Vinography.com, Feb 7, 2026*

JANE ANSON  
INSIDE BORDEAUX

**95** Bright red cherry core, opens with rosebud, rosemary, cranberry and sage, creamy and caressing tannins while maintaining lift and brightness. *Jane Anson, janeanson.com, July 2026*

## WINE ENTHUSIAST

**94** Lush and layered flavors of just-ripe blackberries, bramble, and rich cassis stay fresh through the palate with brightening acidity and a mouthwatering palate. Poised tannins maintain balance through a lengthy finish.

*Elaine Chukan Brown, Wine Enthusiast, March 2026*

JAMES SUCKLING.COM

**94** Rich yet bright and focused, this offers aromas of cassis, crushed blackberries, walnuts, licorice and a hint of graphite. The full-bodied palate shows compact yet ripe tannins with a juicy flow of fruit in the middle, brightened with vivid acidity.

Concentrated yet smooth and refined, with a lingering, dark-fruited finish.

*JamesSuckling.com, Mar 21, 2025*

## VIEW FROM THE CELLAR

**95+** The 2022 Sunbasket Vineyard bottling of Cabernet Sauvignon from Cathy Corison is a stunning wine in the making. It is nicely low octane this year, coming in at 12.8 percent alcohol and delivering a stunningly pure and sappy bouquet of black cherries, black raspberries, cigar wrapper, a complex base of dark soil tones, coffee bean, cigar smoke and a beautifully refined framing of new oak. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied, tangy and nascently complex, with a beautiful core of vibrant fruit, great soil inflection and grip, ripe tannins and impeccable balance on the very long, complex and precise finish. There is an energy here from the lower octane that is not found in warmer vintages! This is the finest vintage I have yet tasted from Cathy from the Sunbasket Vineyard! Great, great juice. *John Gilman, Issue #120, View from the Cellar, Nov-Dec 2025*

Jancis Robinson

**17+/20** Medium vibrant purple. Quieter than the Napa blend with more red fruit and less leafy freshness on the nose. The palate is pure plum flavour with plenty of acidity and fine sandy tannin structure. A bit of a cherry-menthol note on the finish. Lovely.

*Samantha Cole-Johnson, JancisRobinson.com, 21 Apr, 2025*

## JEB DUNNUCK

**93** Deep purple/plum-hued, it offers rocking red, blue, and black fruits, new leather, flowery incense, and cedar pencil notes. It's rich, medium to full-bodied, has good concentration and sound tannins, with a plump, layered, rounded mid-palate and outstanding length.

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