



2001 Corison Kronos Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

Kronos Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is our single-vineyard estate wine. These rare vines are more than 30 years old and produce just over one ton per acre each year. 2001 was a classic vintage, with ideal conditions for making powerful yet elegant wines. There was not a single heat spike over 100 °F during the entire ripening season. Warm days and cool, foggy nights resulted in inky color and full, complex flavors. The spare rainfall during the winter months favored a smaller than average crop, contributing uncommon intensity to the wine. This is the best Cabernet I've made to date. - Cathy Corison, March 2005

Retrospective Reviews:

Decanter 98 Deep ruby in colour and so enticing at 23 years of age (tasted in winter of 2024). An intoxicating and alluring nose leads with baked cherries, spiced plums, walnut husk, dusty minerals, dried sage, loamy earth, and bay laurel. The full-bodied palate brims with power and energy, offering sweet blackcurrant fruit, toffee, espresso bean, and tobacco. Powdery, fine tannins add to its refined texture. It is one of the most generous wines in the lineup yet with tremendous staying power, length, and tension for all its generosity.
Jonathan Cristaldi, Decanter Magazine, 27 Oct 2024

vinography a wine blog The Majesty of Time - 25 Years of Corison's Kronos Cabernet
Medium to dark garnet in the glass, this wine smells of warm earth, dried herbs, sour cherries, and flowers. In the mouth, bright sour cherry and cherry flavors mix with dried herbs, citrus peel, and dusty earth. Lightly grippy tannins coat the mouth, as mouthwatering acidity lingers with hints of wet chalkboard in the finish. Incredibly fresh thanks to that outstanding acidity. Score: between 9.5 and 10.
Alder Yarrow, Vinography, December 3, 2024

vinous Antonio Galloni 95 The 2001 Cabernet Sauvignon Kronos Vineyard is a classic, old-school wine from Cathy Corison. It offers up a whole range of savory and earthy tones, all in a mid-weight style that is really from another era compared to the prevailing style in Napa Valley at the time. The aromatics alone are enchanting. Readers lucky enough to own the 2001 can expect another decade of fine drinking. Kronos, planted on St. George rootstock in 1971, is one of Napa Valley's most distinctive sites.
Antonio Galloni, Vinous, October 2021

Jancis Robinson JancisRobinson.com 19 Deep core of ruby-black colour with slightly less density than the previous couple of vintages. Star bright in the glass. Aromatics of gunmetal and white mushrooms. Bursting front of the palate carrying notes of gunmetal, lavender and violet that roll through the mouth into flavours of blackcurrant, a mix of mushrooms and a sprinkle of pepper. Lovely density of flavour and complexity here with depth and freshness. The 2001 is a bit more approachable and open than the powerhouse 1999 but not in the sense of carrying less seriousness or less structure. There is simply a more convivial character in the 2001 compared with the brooding elements of the 1999. Some wet-tobacco notes and a little more mushroom reduction appear with air through the finish. Great balance in all directions here – energy, freshness, complexity, approachability and length, all with impressive ageing potential. Drink 2012-2038.
Elaine Chukan Brown for jancisrobinson.com, 3/12/19

THE TASTING PANEL
MAGAZINE

Legends of Napa Valley – Tasting the History of America's Most Celebrated Wine Region
95 Firm and structured with vibrant, lovely acidity; racy, pure and juicy; vivid, tangy fruit.
Anthony Dias Blue, The Tasting Panel Magazine, January 2013

Reviews Upon Release:

San Francisco Chronicle

The Chronicle's Wine Selections: Napa Valley Cabernet over \$50

*** The organically farmed vineyard, planted on gravelly bench soils between Rutherford and St. Helena, is notable for its 30-year-old vines. Elusive flowery aromas, with toasted wood notes that dominate but also lend a distinct freshness. Subtle cherry and blackberry... Tapered ending.

Jon Bonné, San Francisco Chronicle, December 15, 2006

FOOD&WINE

The Buyer's Guide to 75 of the Best California Wines

"Veteran winemaker Cathy Corison creates this vividly aromatic, cassis-scented Cabernet from low-yielding 30-year-old vines surrounding her winery, off Napa Valley's famed Highway 29 between Rutherford and St. Helena."

Ray Isle, Food & Wine Magazine, April 2006

WINE ENTHUSIAST MAGAZINE

94 This single vineyard beauty is Corison's cellar bet. Tasted beside her regular '01 Napa Cab, it's much deeper, darker and more brooding. It's also far more tannic. It's a big, flavorful wine, packed with plums, blackberries, currants and mocha, as well as a coating of sweet oak. This classic Cab should begin to soften in a few years.

Wine Enthusiast Magazine, 12/1/2005



Stephen Tanzer's

International Wine Cellar

2001 Cabernet Sauvignon Kronos Vineyard Napa Valley (aged in 50% new oak; made from a ten-acre parcel of 30-year-old vines next to the Corison winery on Highway 29, at the south end of St.

Helena): Good full ruby. Brooding aromas of black raspberry, minerals, violet and bitter chocolate. Sweeter, denser and fatter than the 2003 and 2002 Napa bottlings, with claret-like notes of leather, smoke, cedar and graphite. Here the acids are more obviously integrated, but there's still a bit of tarry oak to be absorbed. Finishes with lovely length and lingering sweetness. The yield, always low in this vineyard, was just 1-1/2 tons per acre. **91(+1)**.

Stephen Tanzer, International Wine Cellar, May/June 2005



EDITORS' CHOICE - BEST WINE

Aromas of blueberry, blackberry, cherry, currant, spice, earth, a soft sweetness and subtle oak introduce flavors of the same which have wonderful depth, layering, and intensity and great, balanced acidity and integrated smooth tannins. All finish long and medium-broad. It needs several years to develop and open but this is a delicious, restrained, elegant Cabernet and the wait will be worth it. Outstanding.

The Colorado Wine News, July-September 2006