



2002 Corison *Kronos Vineyard* Cabernet Sauvignon

The 2002 growing season was long and cool with a couple of heat spikes in early October that served to bring grapes home. A shy crop produced complex, concentrated flavors draped over flawless structure. Norm Roby writes in *Decanter*: “2002 may change the way many international wine lovers think about California Cabernet Sauvignon. The finest and most typical wines avoid that juicy-jammy opulent style that is so obvious but often lets you down in the finish.”

Plums, spice and floral perfume abound. Managing to be powerful and elegant at the same time, this is a classic vintage for Kronos Vineyard. Only 250 cases were produced.
~ Cathy Corison, March 2006

Retrospective Reviews:

Decanter 97 Deep ruby in colour. The nose is shy, and the wine remains compact on the palate, with rich, chocolatey notes and perhaps the most lavish toasty oak influence among the 25 vintages tasted at The Progress in San Francisco in October 2024. Exceptionally pure and precise blackberry fruit and plum skin lead into soaring tannins layered with nuances of black tea, truffle, and blackcurrants. A streak of saline minerality extends through the lengthy finish. Dark and brooding, this is a muscular Kronos, if ever there was one.

Jonathan Cristaldi, *Decanter Magazine*, 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 camphorwood and cherry, incense, and cocoa powder. In the mouth, powdery tannins coat the mouth and wrap with some muscle around a core of cherry, black cherry, dried earth, and green herbs. Excellent acidity, with surprising fresh-herbal greenness

in the finish. Floral, lifted, and mouthwatering. Score: between 9.5 and 10. Alder Yarrow, *Vinography*, December 3, 2024

Jancis Robinson
JancisRobinson.com

Star bright in the glass. Gunmetal and mushroom lift from the nose with accents of lavender. Mouth-watering acidity and fine-grained tannin, still offering a lightly tactile mouthfeel. Through the mouth, notes of gunmetal, black fruits, wet tobacco and a bit of cedar.

Elaine Chukan Brown, *JancisRobinson.com*, 12 Mar 2019

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Rich and seductive, this wine layers dark, ripe fruit on top of a firm, mineral base. Cassis, blackberry liqueur, dried sage, wet slate, and saddle leather combine to form the nose of this wine. The acidity is fairly low for a Corison, which enhances the supple impression of the palate. Ripe but present tannins tug gently at the finish. Charming and ready to drink.

Kelli White, *Napa Valley Then & Now*, 2015

Reviews Upon Release:

California Grapevine

Medium-dark purplish ruby; attractive, fragrant, spicy, cedary, dark currant and blackberry fruit aroma with hints of black licorice; full body; rich, supple, smoky, concentrated, ripe blackberry fruit flavors with a smooth, velvety mouth feel; full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Approachable and enjoyable to taste now, showing good depth of fruit.

Very highly recommended.

Dec 2006/Jan 2007

Dan Berger's Vintage Experiences

Exceptional Cedar and spice notes with great herb, tart-cherry aroma and a subtle, classic taste and structure (13.8% alcohol). A great wine.

November 16, 2006

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

91(+?) Ruby-red. Red cherry, currant, plum and a floral note on the nose; this struck me as rather Burgundian. Supple, fresh and sweet, with juicy flavors of plum, cherry, mint and flowers. Offers enticing complexity and cut. Finishes with very sweet, fine-grained tannins. The 35-year-old vines here typically yield just a ton and a half of fruit per acre. This benchland cabernet produces ripe flavors and ripe tannins early, but the St. George rootstock helps to slow down sugar accumulation, notes Corison, who added that this wine has less than 14% alcohol.

May/June 2006