



2003 Corison Kronos Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

The 2003 growing season began with a vengeance. There were a few early heat spikes in March followed by the wettest April on record. Luckily, as the season progressed, the weather became increasingly benign. After *veraison* (the critical time when the vines were busy ripening their crop), there was nary a day over 100°. Deep ruby in color, the 2003 Corison Kronos Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon boasts aromas of wild boysenberries, plums and cassis. Linzer torte and ripe black cherry flavors are complemented by hints of nutmeg, cardamom and vanilla. Soft tannins contribute a round, lush mouth feel and hints of violets charm the lingering finish.

- Cathy Corison, March 2007

Retrospective Reviews:

Decanter

95 It is super fragrant, with lovely sweet currant fruit notes, plum jam, chocolate-covered figs, dusty minerals, and crushed walnuts lifting from the glass. A brooding note of ironstone and charcuterie fills the senses in this full-bodied Kronos Cabernet, featuring soft, powdery tannins and a host of curranty fruit emerging. It's framed by a spine of firm acidity and lingering tobacco, leather, white pepper, and capsicum—a complex and intriguing wine from 2003, finishing with a drying sensation. The 2003 vintage in Napa Valley was marked by a warm growing season, early ripening, and an early harvest, leading to more firm tannic structures that reveal themselves on the finish in this red.

Jonathan Cristaldi, *Decanter Magazine*, 27 Oct 2024



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

Medium to dark garnet in the glass, this wine smells of dried herbs, prunes, and dried flowers. In the mouth, stony tannins coat the mouth and wrap around a wonderfully fresh core of blueberry, black cherry, aromatic herbs, and fresh chopped herbs. Outstanding acidity with blue qualities to the fruit. Dried herbs linger on the finish with just a hint of oak. Score: around **9.5**.

Alder Yarrow, *Vinography*, December 3, 2024



JancisRobinson.com

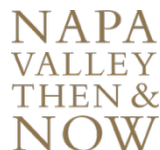
17.5 Ruby-black core reaches to ruby edges with a hint of brick tone to them. Star bright in the glass. Aromatics of gunmetal and dried lavender lift from a body of mushroom reduction. The palate offers a nice complement of floral, fruit and savoury notes – showing a mix of red and black fruits, cedar, gunpowder and an underlying body of white mushrooms. The wine here is still incredibly fresh and vibrant... The floral notes of dried lavender and hints of violet carry all the way through an ultra-long finish. Blackcurrant and cassis begin to show themselves with air.

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



95 The 2003 'Kronos Vineyard' Cabernet Sauvignon is a stunning wine at nearly twenty years of age. Aromatically quite intense, the wine has settled into lovely tertiary aromas with damp earth, wild mushroom and shades of dark cherry cordial that all build in the glass. The palate is plush and highly refined, showing a great deal of elegance and poise. Black tea, exotic spices, damp dusty terroir and copious dark fruits with tar all show incredibly on the palate. Highly refined and delightful now, the wine will cellar well for another fifteen years.

Owen Bargreen, *Washington Wine Blog*, August 3, 2019



A very nice wine, the 2003 Kronos offers a mouthful of dried red currants, blackberries, red flowers, cracked pepper, and leather. On the palate the wine is rich, with stout tannins and a lifting acidity. A powerful, mineral finish.

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



Icon Wines of Napa: A Tasting

Medium to dark garnet in color, this wine smells of cassis and cherry, with hints of violets and tobacco. In the mouth the wine is beautifully lithe, with gorgeous acidity and great length. Flavors of cherry, cassis, floral notes, and just a hint of the cedar, mix with the leather and red apple skin of age. Suede-like. Very youthful. 13.8% alcohol. Score: around **9.5**.

Alder Yarrow, *venography.com*, October 23, 2013



ON THE TWELFTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS, THE GRAND CHAMPION...
 The 2003 Kronos stands out from other Corison wines by its maturity and its almost indestructible structure. But more importantly, it shines over everything that is done in Napa because of its tremendous drinkability, this eminently digestible side that you will not find in any other Napa cab... The 2003 vintage of Cathy Corison's Kronos Vineyard earns the title of Le Sommelier Fou's 2013 Grand Champion. I sincerely wish you to taste this wine, one day.
David Pelletier, lesommelierfou.com, 12/31/2013

Reviews Upon Release:



95 If you choose one wine to stick in the cellar from the '03 vintage, make it this one. It's so dry, balanced and complex. The heart of blackberries and red currants is opulently rich, with overtones of cedar, pencil lead, red licorice and sweet dried herbs. Brings to mind a classic Rutherford Cab. As delicious as the wine is now, especially with decanting, it really will benefit from aging.

S.H., Wine Enthusiast Magazine, 2/1/2008



93 Richness, elegance, power and grace all come together in this remarkable wine, and, from its first layered scents of currants, cocoa, wildflowers and sandalwood spice, it leaves little doubt that something special is afoot. It is big and expressive but never less than perfectly balanced, and its exceptionally fine and long-lasting flavors show great range and depth. It will be around for years if properly cellared, but the temptations for drinking it in the next few years are considerable.

Connoisseurs Guide to California Wine, April 2008



Stephen Tanzer's
International Wine Cellar

Ruby-red. High-pitched aromas of blueberry, licorice, chocolate, leather and smoky, cedary oak. Then supple and sweet in the mouth. Finishes with firm, dusty tannins and notes of chocolate and leather.
Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, May 2007



Medium-dark ruby; attractive, forward, rich, intense, spicy, smoky, cassis and black cherry fruit aroma with hints of mint and tea; full body; tight, herbal, cedary, dark currant and black cherry fruit flavors; well balanced and structured; full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Should continue to develop with another three to five more years of bottle aging. **Very highly recommended.**

California Grapevine, December 2007-January 2008



***** Deep, ultra red to black color. The nose is filled with ripe fruits, cassis, wild berries, dark plum, with complimenting hints of allspice, and nutmeg. Incredibly rich and dense while still dancing on the palate marrying a mélange of flavors and textures. Perfectly balanced with soft, supple tannins and a seamless use of oak. A glimpse of what Napa Cabernet can be.

BevX, October 2007



The clear winner of our beef-only tasting, which included rare filet mignon and braised short ribs, was the **2003 Corison Kronos Vineyard Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon** from winemaker Cathy Corison. It took a full 40 minutes for this wine to open up and for its black-cherry fruit, pink peppercorn spice and bitter cocoa notes to show at their best.

Karen Page and Andrew Dornenburg, The Washington Post, Wednesday, December 19, 2007



Her 2003 edition from her Kronos Vineyard just south of the town of St. Helena, I must say – while still exhibiting those aforementioned characteristics – *is* feminine. It's soft, lovely and pretty, and lush and rich. Like all her wines, they are symmetrically balanced.

Alan Goldfarb, AppellationAmerica.com, August 24, 2006