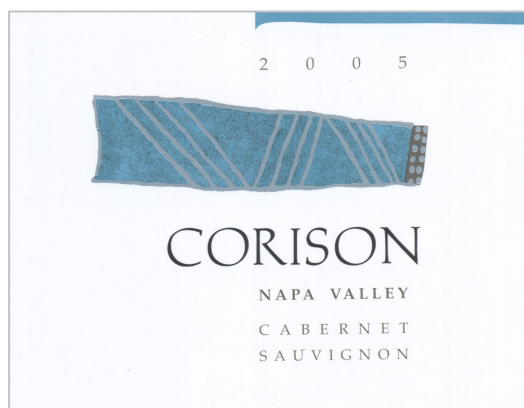


2005 Corison Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon



The 2005 Corison Cabernet is classic and refined with great bones. September that year was unseasonably chilly and harvest was a full month later than normal. Time on the vine allowed the development of the full range of flavors that Cabernet can achieve (red and blue fruits grading into the darker, purple and black notes) at moderate alcohol. Cold nights promoted great natural acidity.

Inviting aromas jump out of the glass. Cherry pie, complete with allspice, nutmeg and cardamom, dominates the aromas and flavors with hints of plum, cassis, lavender and dark chocolate chiming in. The overall impression is warm and engaging.

- Cathy Corison, August 2008

Retrospective Reviews:

vinography
a wine blog

Dark garnet in the glass, this wine smells of bright cherry, cedar, and graphite. In the mouth, lavender and dried flowers, swirl in a crystalline bright sphere of flavor that glints with gorgeous brightness and juiciness. Incredibly fine grained tannins add a skein of structure to the glassy pure fruit. Phenomenal acidity makes for a long citrusy finish. Utterly fresh and compelling. A knockout of a wine. 13.6% alcohol. Score: **a perfect 10**.

Alder Yarrow, vinography.com, 6.27.2015

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

Time in a Bottle: Can Napa Valley Cabernet Age?

FIVE NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNONS RIPE FOR DRINKING

If you're lucky enough to be in Napa Valley, pick up one of these wines... that are in the primes of their lives. [2005 Corison Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon](#) - A wonderfully well-balanced and expressive wine marked by beguiling aromas of cassis and plum... juicy, with velvety tannins.

On Wine by Lettie Teague, The Wall Street Journal, onlinewsj.com, Nov. 21, 2014

Maker's Table

Food, Wine and the Pleasures of the Table

The 2005 vintage was slow and cool. This wine, ten years later, is meaty, with a deeply smoky undertow and a sueded texture across the tongue. The palate of star anise, black plums, and coffee-bean savoriness wears the pleasant filigree of oxidation. This wine reads like brown velvet.

Meg Houston Maker, makerstable.com, June 28, 2015

**NAPA
VALLEY
THEN &
NOW**

A pretty, feminine wine with a nose of violets, coffee beans, dried red currants, and oolong. On the palate the wine is lean and mineral with a blush of sweet fruit...

Kelli White, Napa Valley Then & Now, 2015

VIEW FROM THE CELLAR

The 2005 vintage was a cooler year, with September quite unseasonably chilly and the harvest coming in nearly a month late in Napa. Not surprisingly, the longer hang time and more moderate ripeness of the vintage has dovetailed beautifully with the elegant style of Cathy Corison's wines, producing a very refined, youthful and classic wine in the making. The deep and complex nose shows a "cooler" fruit profile of cassis, dark berry, tobacco leaf, fresh herb tones, a lovely and striking base of soil and a touch of new wood. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and still quite primary, with a lovely core, moderate, well-integrated tannins and excellent length and grip on the black fruity and still youthful finish. Give this very promising wine another five or six years in the cellar to allow the tannins to fall away and the nose and palate to really blossom. It will be a lovely wine. 2017-2040.

John Gilman, View from the Cellar, Issue #69, May/June 2017

Vintage Retrospective: 2005 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Full ruby-red. Aromas of redcurrant, plum and chocolate accented by herbs and dried flowers. Supple on entry, then a touch herbal and dry in the middle palate, conveying moderate sweetness and depth to its blueberry, cherry and leather flavors.

Stephen Tanzer, Vinous, May 2016

93 An elegant wine with nice depth and intensity with youthful flavors. The wine is nearly 10 years old but one can barely taste any evolution. Firm tannins with long length. Great potential to age further.

Jeannie Cho Lee, Le Pan Magazine, LP Guide, September-October 2015



Stephen Tanzer's

International

Wine Cellar

92+ Good full ruby-red. Musky aromas of dried cherry, cedar, fresh herbs, incense and tobacco. Dense, juicy and fine-grained, with lovely verve to its delineated flavors of raspberry, spices, loam, leather and herbs. Finishes ripe and long but delicate, with nicely

integrated acidity, understated sweetness and fine tannins that dust the front teeth. Mouth-filling Cabernet without any undue weight, a bit in the style of the '08.

Stephen Tanzer, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, September 2012



"Her 2005 – beautifully balanced, smooth, refined yet rich and inviting – offers an aroma of plums and berries."

Eunice Fried, Global Traveler, May 2, 2015

Newark Star Ledger - Corison Does it Her Way

The 2005 Corison Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley has the black fruit aroma and flavor with tobacco and leather accents that recalled the Beaulieu Vineyards Georges de Latour, Inglenook Cask, and Heitz Cabernet Sauvignons of the 1970s. There is no shouting from the glass; just--as if just were a simple word--an elegant texture that graces your palate with flavor and balance.

John Foy, February 26, 2015

Confessions of a Wine Geek

Such a pure nose of blackcurrant and cassis with great concentration of sweet fruit on the attack. But the fruit stays with you and carries the layers of Asian spice to an incredibly long finish. So stylish. **93 points**

confessionsofawinegeek.com, August 9, 2014

Reviews Upon Release:

Decanter

CAL CABS TO HUNT DOWN FROM 2005 "Make no mistake, California 2005 Cabs are juicy, full-flavoured and potent, yet many of them show restraint..."

Corison, Napa Valley ★★★★★ "Warm, spicy, berry nose. Fine, plum jam, spicy notes. Plenty of weight. Firm, crisp tannins. Nice length... has the structure and moderate alcohol (13.6%) to age for years. Blackcurrant, Christmas spice, tobacco... Closes with succulence and crispness."

Decanter Magazine, 2008

San Francisco Chronicle

★★★ Begins with an earthy note that moves to smoke, anise-tinged plum and graphite aromas. Focused palate shows some reddish and sweet black fruit; there is structure within its big grip, but overall it is a fresh, lighter style.

San Francisco Chronicle, November 14, 2008

TOP 100 WINES 2008 - San Francisco Chronicle "Cathy Corison coaxed a smoky, anise-tinged effort from the 2005 vintage.

Balanced, fresh and ripe, with sweet black fruit, plum graphite and a big grippy finish, very much in line with her more structured, firmly tannic and ageworthy approach."

WINEENTHUSIAST

95 This wine is so balanced it hits the palate as impeccable and gorgeous. The flavors, of currants, cherries, vanilla and sweet oak, are only part of it. It is so dry, so richly structured in tannins and acids, so pure through the long, spicy finish, that it easily deserves its high score.

S.H., Wine Enthusiast Magazine, February 1, 2009