

2005 Corison Kronos Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon



Record-setting precipitation late into the spring delayed bloom and set in 2005. Then modest, even summer growing conditions were followed by an unusually cool ripening season with nighttime temperatures plummeting into the 40's in late September and early October. A lovely Indian Summer brought the fruit to perfect ripeness for late October picking. A bumper crop with marvelous flavor intensity and singular balance are the happy result. I love the brightness of the red and blue fruit flavors combined with the lush feel. Aromas of blackberries and candied violets complement flavors of black cherry, boysenberry, cassis, allspice and freshly grated nutmeg. Classic.

- Cathy Corison, March 2009

Retrospective Reviews:

Decanter 96 A youthful, expressive, and complex red with remarkable polish, beauty, and poise. This is such a complete wine, its vibrant black and red-toned fruit profile teetering on the edge of secondary development—tobacco, loamy earth, dark cacao, tanned leather, and a hint of saline minerality, all woven with vanilla-tinged cedarwood. Full-bodied, with a commanding presence, its character builds alongside the wine's powerful tannins, culminating in a mineral-scented finish. Another 20–30 years ahead, at least.

Jonathan Cristaldi, *Decanter Magazine*, 27 Oct 2024

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Dark garnet in the glass, this wine smells of black cherry and tobacco leaf, dried herbs, and dried flowers. In the mouth, gorgeous juicy flavors of cherry and black cherry mix with dried herbs and muscular tannins that gradually squeeze the palate and linger stonily in the finish along with dusty earth, dried herbs, and flowers. Excellent, mouthwatering acidity. Score: between 9.5 and 10.

Alder Yarrow, *Vinography*, December 3, 2024

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JancisRobinson.com

17.5+ Impressively dense colour concentration with a black core of colour only becoming ruby through the edges. Star bright in the glass. Cool, steely aromatics here with notes of gunpowder.

Lovely density of flavour through the palate – impressive density of flavour without presenting as overly compressed – the flavours are still available and there is room in the mouth to explore them. There is more of a focus on mid-palate presence here while the finish remains impressively long. Notes of gunpowder, hints of dark chocolate, mixed fresh fruits of blackcurrant, black cherry and a long earthy finish. This wine will age an impressively long time and is still quite young actually. It is certainly drinkable (with pleasure) now but will benefit from braised meats to help open the tannin, which is fine-grained while still firm. Even so, the acidity here is mouth-watering making the wine worth drinking now though it will certainly gain in the depth, complexity and nuance Kronos is known for with age.

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

NAPA VALLEY THEN & NOW

A classical beauty, the 2005 was tight for a long time, and recently opened up to reveal its copious charms. On the palate the wine offers a sweet, red-fruited, charming core that is framed by notable acid and a healthy dusting of tannin. Incredibly precise and focused, this wine's structure implies limitless aging. Aromatically, it offers pencil lead, red cherries, mocha, dried herbs, and leather. Serious but not severe. Terrific.

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

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92 Full, bright ruby. Blackberry, black cherry and crushed-rock minerality, lifted by violet and lilac nuances and a whiff of leather. Juicy and light on its feet, with firm acidity giving excellent definition to the dark berry and violet flavors. The building finish shows firm but surprisingly suave tannins and a compelling light touch. Very sophisticated Napa Cabernet with a long finish of dark berries and spices.

Stephen Tanzer, *Vinous*, May 2016

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94 Beautiful Kronos with delicacy, intensity, complexity and finesse. Lovely flavors that still exude primary fruit, ranging from red berries, plum and darker fruit to violet and rose. A gorgeous wine with a long, silky finish.

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

Reviews Upon Release:



94 ...as ripe and fruity as anything out there, and immediately drinkable for its beautiful blackberry, black currant, chocolate and cedar flavors. Still, the tannins are considerable, and the wine should easily negotiate the years. *S.H., Wine Enthusiast Magazine, 12/31/2009*



92 (+?) Good bright ruby-red. Blackberry, blueberry, licorice and leather on the nose, with a suggestion of cherry liqueur. Dense, but light on its feet, offering lovely depth of cherry, licorice and leather flavor. Wonderfully vinous wine; this really vibrates in the mouth. Cathy Corison makes wines for the long haul, and this one should evolve for at least a decade or two. The crop level here was two tons per acre in this copious vintage; in '04 and '06 it was more like 1.25, according to Corison.

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, Issue 138, May/June 2008



Medium-dark ruby; attractive, forward, complex, currant and dark cherry fruit aroma with notes of vanilla and graphite; full body; forward, rich, textured, ripe dark cherry fruit flavors; well balanced and firmly structured; medium-full to full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Shows distinctive varietal character. **Very highly recommended.** *California Grapevine, Oct-Nov 2009*



Crafted with usual Corison constraint... this sleek, singularly refined Cabernet is keyed on cassis with highlights of olive, cedar and cream lightly applied. It is balanced to firmness with fairly fine-grained tannins, and, if never an especially powerful or muscular wine, it shows plenty of stamina at the finish and will gain in refinement over the next several years.

Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine, December 2009