

2022 Corison Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon



The weather in August, the belly of the ripening season and the critical window for wine quality, was nearly perfect in 2022, with long, cool days and nighttime temperatures dipping as low as the chilly 40F's. We started picking Cabernet Sauvignon on 31 August and were most of the way through harvest when the intense heat began around Labor Day. The result was a small harvest of tiny, delicious berries.

The 2022 is so pretty with violet and dried rose perfume right out of the chute. Bright cherries and blueberries join darker cassis and plum flavors for delightful complexity. Provençal herbs, anise and wet-stone mineral notes join in the fun.

~ Cathy Corison, August 2025

Decanter

95 Aged for 20 months in French oak barrels, 50% of which were new, this wine is tart and racy, with a red-toned fruit profile complemented by saline-mineral intensity on the nose and palate.

Aromas of leather, green olive, and cherrywood add complexity. The palate is immediately enveloped by multidimensional tannins with a pixelated quality, arresting the senses before giving way to sanguine fruit and vibrant minerality. The finish is layered with notes of blood orange, citrus peel, sandalwood, and loamy earth. A testament to the winery, a Napa Valley staple since it opened its doors in 1987, this wine showcases precision and depth in every sip.

Jonathan Cristaldi, Decanter, 22 Jan 2025



The 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley) is polished and understated to the core. Lifted aromatics and silky tannins confer notable finesse. Readers will find a sublime, nuanced Cabernet of distinction. It's the sort of wine that will blossom with time in the bottle... This is pure class.

Antonio Galloni, Vinous, December 2024

WINEENTHUSIAST

Best of Year 2025 Buying Guide

95 With signature poise and persistence, Cathy Corison captures the opportunities of a challenging vintage, showing both her skill as a winemaker and the strength of her vineyards. Lifted, fresh aromatics spin into flavors of dark fruits touched by espresso grounds, dry cocoa, and juicy finish. Tannins are approachable now, and will benefit from a meal, or several years in bottle.

Elaine Chukan Brown, Wine Enthusiast Magazine, November 2025

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Very dark garnet in the glass, this wine smells of black cherry and blackcurrant. In the mouth, mouthwatering flavors of black cherry, blackcurrant, and Bing cherries are crackling with intense acidity as powdery, fine-grained tannins flex their athletic muscles in the corners of the mouth. Intense and juicy without weight or richness, this is, as usual, a tour de force of deliciousness. Beautifully integrated oak sneaks into the taste of the finish a little, but mostly lives as texture and structure in this expansive, poised wine that has a real presence on the palate. Superb. Score: between **9.5** and **10**.

Alder Yarrow, Vinography.com, 4/20/25



Napa Valley Features

What is Great Wine?

2022 Corison Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley - The first sniff distinctly identifies an absolutely classic Napa Valley aroma, one that would be recognizable to anyone who recalls the wines of the past. Fruit is a classic combination of muted blackberry with delicate hints of sage, summer savory, thyme and dried berries. The taste is precise and as delicate as were some of the old 1960s and 1970s Beaulieu Rutherford wines for which André Tchelistcheff and Richard Peterson were famed.

Dan Berger, April 15, 2026



95 The 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon has a deep garnet-purple color. It skips out of the glass with bright, energetic notes of red currant jelly and wild blueberries, leading to a core of black raspberries, rose bud tea, and wild sage. The medium-bodied palate is elegant and vibrant with lively black and red berry flavors and a fine-grained texture, finishing fragrant.

Lisa Perrotti-Brown, TheWinePalate.com, December 2025

94 Opens with a fragrant kick of baking spice and cloves, expanding through the mid palate to show fresh peony flowers, cassis and lifted acidity, with mouthwatering oyster shell salinity on the finish... this retains balance and grace.
Jane Anson, janeanson.com, July 2026

VIEW FROM THE CELLAR

95+ Cathy Corison's 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon "Napa Valley" bottling is another in the long, long line of impeccably balanced, utterly classical, legends in the making from California's finest cabernet sauvignon producer. The wine tips the scales at 13.5 percent octane in this vintage and delivers a complex and classy bouquet of cassis, black cherries, Cuban cigar wrapper, a beautiful foundation of Rutherford Bench soil tones, coffee bean, incipient smokiness and a suave framing of nutty new oak. On the palate the wine is full-bodied, refined and precise, with a great core of ripe fruit, lovely soil undertow and grip, ripe, buried tannins and great focus and grip on the long, impeccably balanced and extremely promising finish.

John Gilman, View from the Cellar, March-April 2025

93 A bold and deep expression, packed with blackberries, blackcurrants, dark chocolate, black olives, dark earth and licorice. The full-bodied, dense and fruit-driven palate carries fine-grained tannins and is balanced with bright acidity, finishing with hints of mocha and wet stones.
James Suckling, jamesuckling.com, March 21, 2025

Top 100 Wines of 2025

95 A downright killer wine from a challenging vintage, the 2022 Corison 'Napa Valley' Cabernet Sauvignon is drinking beautifully now. Round and generous on the tongue, with good freshness, this offers a dense core of dark cherry and roasted fig flavors alongside espresso bean, loamy soils and shades of menthol on the palate. This is just a sensational effort in '22.
Owen Bargreen, owenbargreen.com, June 11 and December 16, 2025

94 The 2022 Napa Valley Cabernet from Corison is fantastic. It opens with a deep, expressive bouquet of ripe blackberries and black cherries, woven together with fragrant notes of exotic spice, fresh florals, tobacco and a touch of crushed gravel. On the palate, it is medium-bodied, and beautifully structured, with fine, polished tannins providing a lovely backbone for the core of dark and red fruit, which are nuanced by flavors of tobacco, spice, and mineral undertones unfolding in harmony, leading to a long, resonant finish. This is a remarkable showing from Corison in this vintage, approachable now with decanting, yet built to evolve gracefully in the cellar for well over a decade.

J. D'Angelo, International Wine Report, May 2025

17.5+/20 Medium vibrant purple. Gorgeous nose with gravelly, rocky minerality, a leafy freshness and bright fruit. Elegant yet concentrated showing excellent ageability, crystalline acidity and fine sandy tannin structure. Stony, long finish.

Samantha Cole-Johnson, jancisrobinson.com, 29 Aug 2025

92 Largely picked prior to the Labor Day heat wave, Corison's 2022 Cabernet Sauvignon showcases the restrained, streamlined style that is a calling card of the winery. Marked by black cherries and loam, with subtle spice shadings from its 20 months in 50% new French oak, this medium-bodied wine maintains superb tension between acidity and alcohol and delivers a lingering, mouthwatering finish framed by soft tannins.

Joe Czerwinski, Wine Advocate, 10/8/25

Deeply colored and richly flavored, this 2022 Corison Cabernet is a young, balanced wine with outstanding aging potential. It has unusual depth and power, excellent flavor (cassis, blackberry, blackcurrant, blueberry, herbs, black pepper, cedar, toast), and a long, tannic finish. Remarkable quality...

Ronn Wiegand, Restaurant Wine, 2 September 2025, pending publication