



2000 Corison Kronos Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

Elegant and complex, the 2000 Corison Kronos Vineyard Cabernet is lovely. The mild, even summer weather allowed slow, steady ripening, promoting mature, juicy flavors at relatively low sugars. Extensive crop thinning at *veraison* provided even ripening. The grapes hung on the vines for fully two weeks longer than in a typical season! Small clusters and tiny berries yielded a wine with inky color and classic structure. Miserly at just over one ton per acre, the Kronos Vineyard proved itself in 2000; great vineyards make great wine.

Mouthwatering, multi-layered aromas include plums and black cherries. Spice and vanilla from the French oak barrels combine with boysenberry jam flavors to give us the whole pie! Complex notes include cedar, mocha, whiffs of peppermint and hints of green olives. The tannins are soft and mouth-coating and the palate is broad but firm, with a long finish.

- Cathy Corison, March 2004

Retrospective Reviews:

Decanter 98 In 2000, all the computers didn't crash, but we didn't get hovercars. As for grape growing in Napa, it was an almost perfect ripening season. The wine showcases terrific dark plum fruit, loamy earth, black truffle, and dried purple flowers. Medium to full-bodied, it reveals an exciting burst of radical spice, a hint of green tobacco, a touch of jalapeño, sagebrush, capsicum, and spiced plums. The ultra-fine, pixelated tannins complement a firm spine of succulent, racy acidity and remarkable freshness. This wine possesses immense staying power and impressive length, unfolding with notes of white pepper, charcuterie, and dusty minerals, with even more spice lingering for 60 seconds or more. Simply incredible.

Jonathan Cristaldi, *Decanter Magazine*, 27 Oct 2024

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

Medium to dark ruby in the glass with garnet highlights, this wine smells of pencil shavings, cherry, and tobacco leaf. In the mouth, wonderfully fine tannins wrap around a core of cherry, minty aromatic herbs, dried flowers, pencil shavings, and gorgeous acidity. Juicy, fine, and wonderfully aromatic. A transcendent wine at its peak, but who knows how long that peak will last? Perhaps for many more years. Really breathtaking. Score: **around 10**.

Alder Yarrow, *Vinography*, December 3, 2024

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17.5 Dense ruby-black core of colour reaching almost to the rim. Star bright in the glass. Much richer with more fruit-forward aromatics showcasing red stone fruits spun through with cigar box and hints of mushroom... an impressively long finish.

There is also a strong presence of gunmetal, iron powder throughout. Notes of redcurrant and black cherry... quite a lovely wine and it will continue to evolve for quite a long time in bottle.

Elaine Chukan Brown for *jancisrobinson.com*, 3/12/19

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A superb, poetic bottle of wine, the 2000 Kronos combines power and subtlety to great effect. On the palate the wine is broad but soft, with a perfectly integrated structure and a cooling mineral note. Aromatically, it offers scents of plum skin, espresso bean, cedar, potting soil, and mint. Delicious.

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