



1994 Corison Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Tasting Notes Upon Release:

1994 is the best vintage I have seen in over 20 years of making wine in the Napa Valley. Slightly bigger than many of my other vintages, this deep ruby, inky wine is packed with dark red fruit flavors including blackberry, plum and cherry, wrapped in the firm, softly tannic structure that distinguishes Corison Cabernet. Spice and vanilla from small French oak cooperage integrate seamlessly with the fruit, and hints of violet and lavender are beginning to develop. Notes of cedar, chocolate and tar add further complexity. In honor of the birth of our daughter Rose in 1994, we have etched each magnum with a rose.

- Cathy Corison, August 1997

Notes from our 25 Vintage Retrospective Tasting

Ripe tart cherries, blueberries, violet perfume. Mouthfilling texture, satin feel. Dusty, graphite minerality, forest floor. Integrated oak, baking spices. Supple tannins. Completely resolved. Delicious. LOVE. Drink or hold.

- Cathy Corison, October 2014

Retrospective Reviews

THE New Wine Review

A classic Corison conjuring: this is all of 12.8% ABV, and nonetheless packs a remarkable amount of Cabernet fruit into the package. Tannins are fully resolved; even by Corison standards, this is a very silky wine. A hint of char and smoke and graphite up top. Direct in its pleasures, of which there are many, and quite delightful to drink...

Jon Fine, The New Wine Review, March 4, 2025

vinography a wine blog

Dark ruby in the glass, this wine smells of dried flowers and forest floor with a hint of green herbs. In the mouth, stunning flavors of dried flowers, licorice, thyme, and cherry mix with cedar and forest floor through a deep long finish. Outstanding, rich and round, but with a deeply savory and herbal component that is exquisite. Wow. 12.8% alcohol. Score: **between 9.5 and 10.**

Alder Yarrow, Vinography, 6.27.15

Hawk Wakawaka Wine Reviews

Dusty mineral length, and notes of rose, cedar and dark chocolate.

Elaine Chukan Brown, January 28, 2015

Antonio Galloni vinous

92 Healthy dark red. Alluring aromas of black cherry, coffee, licorice and dried flowers. Supple and creamy but dry in the mouth, offering excellent definition and cut to its subtle flavors of cherry, fresh herbs and minerals. Not an opulent wine but sexy, pliant and perfumed. Finishes with sweet, ripe tannins, a lingering balsamic element and excellent length.

Stephen Tanzer, Vinous, July 2015

Jancis Robinson JancisRobinson.com

Corison - California Cabernet with Subtlety

18 Tremendous complexity in its mix of cedar, earth, mint, anise and black cherry notes. Velvety tannins, with perfect weight and richness, it drinks beautifully now, yet has the legs to run for several more years.

Linda Murphy, JancisRobinson.com, Feb. 8, 2007

John Winthrop Haeger

Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 1994 (Corison) - Medium dark, black-red verging toward mahogany, almost opaque; appealing nose of incense, fir balsam and allspice; exquisite attack combining delicacy of structure with intensity of fruit flavor; abundant griotte cherry and persistent hard spice; very supple, fine-grained tannins toward the finish. A vintage that is easy to like and completely delicious. *reviewed 2010*

Reviews upon release



★★★★★ Very supple and elegantly styled, this is an outstanding Cabernet, with rich flavors, good balance, and a very long finish. Fine quality. Perhaps the best wine we have tasted from Corison.

Ronn Wiegand, Restaurant Wine, Issue #59, May/June 1997

The Press Democrat

★★★★★ Top wine of the tasting and what a California cabernet is all about. It's big, complex yet supple, showing cassis, vanilla.

The Press Democrat Tasting Room, June 4, 1997