



1996 Corison *Kronos Vineyard* Cabernet Sauvignon

Black cherries and Rutherford dust in the aromas. Warm, inviting flavors of boysenberry pie with hints of mocha and peppermint. Starting to show some nice bottle bouquet. Firm balance will allow this wine to evolve for many years.

~ Cathy Corison, Summer 2004

Decanter

96 The weather during flowering was relatively poor, followed by a long, cool season. The colour remains a lovely ruby with just a touch of bricking at the rim. The aromatics are subtle and inviting, with notes of dusty minerals, red-toned fruits, straw, dried sage, a hint of spicy maple-cured charcuterie, and leather. The wine is pure and precise on the palate, with fine, perfectly integrated, black tea-like tannins. Nuances of black truffle, loamy earth, and red currants add layers of complexity. It's a striking, complex, and fantastic wine at 25 years of age, showcasing impressive freshness and energy.

Jonathan Cristaldi, *Decanter Magazine*, 27 Oct 2024

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

Medium ruby in the glass, this wine smells of dried herbs, incense, carob, dried cherries, and a hint of smoked meat. In the mouth, gorgeous acidity makes flavors of dried cherries, dried herbs, sour cherries, and citrus peel juicy and bright. Powdery tannins hang cloudlike in the mouth. There's a hint of pencil shavings here, as well as dried flowers. Mouthwatering and delicious with incredible freshness given its age. 12.8% alcohol. Score: **between 9.5 and 10**.

Alder Yarrow, *Vinography*, December 3, 2024

Jancis Robinson JancisRobinson.com

17.5 Deep ruby colour with transparency through the centre, and only the faintest hints of brick accent from ageing. Star bright in the glass. Pleasing tertiary character on the nose with notes of forest floor, wet tobacco and just a hint of cigar spice. The palate is vibrant and stimulating with bright acidity that tightens the jaw slightly and carries the wine through a long finish. Delicious age on this wine that still has plenty of life left in the bottle. Notes of both red- and blackcurrant, dried roses – flower and leaf – well-integrated cigar box, and a bit of mushroom umami for a delicious close. Just a sprinkle of cracked pepper. Impressively long finish. On the lighter-bodied side for Cabernet Sauvignon, offering an open weave to the palate presentation with fine-boned tannin but there is ample flavour presence and persistence. The wine offers confidence without the need to show off through excess. A lovely tribute to the historical styles of the region's Cabernet that first brought attention to the Napa Valley.

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

NAPA VALLEY THEN & NOW

A beautiful, elegant bottle of wine that is well-served by some time in the decanter. Roasted coffee, cherry leather, library book, and graphite emerge from the glass. On the palate the wine is focused, almost stern at first sip, but broadens and sweetens with air. Still, no amount of time in the glass will dampen the energizing acidity and fine, dusty tannins of this complex, feminine wine.

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

John Winthrop Haeger

Brilliant deep garnet. Tar, black pepper, clove and allspice on the nose; lovely, suave, smooth and tightly-knit on the palate, like velour; also elegant and intense; a beautiful, sleek, dark wine with an attractive mineral underlay. Beautiful now, but still full of life.

www.oenosite.com, December 2016

Wine Spectator

91 Firm and focused, with ripe and intense cherry, currant and blackberry, turning supple and polished and holding its flavors for a long, complex aftertaste.

James Laube, *Wine Spectator*, Oct. 31, 1999