



1999 Corison Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

It is a pleasure to show the 1999 Corison Cabernet Sauvignon. The 1999 reminds me of the 1996, exhibiting a firm structure and dark, brooding fruit. Thanks to the very long, cool ripening season and smaller than average crop, its concentration and complexity are striking. Layered on top of jammy blackberry and black cherry fruit, chocolate plays with cinnamon spice notes. Hints of cedary, forest-floor and mineral aromas complete the package. All that is missing is the lamb! In honor of our first harvest in the new winery, each magnum is etched with a likeness of the center cupola of the barn.

~ Cathy Corison, August 2002

Cathy's Notes from our 25 Vintage Retrospective Tasting, October 2014:

Dusty mineral and floral notes. Savory. Fruit flavors lean in the dark purple and black direction with plums and cassis with mocha top notes. Restrained and classy. Spritely balance. Hedonistic.



Dark ruby in the glass, this wine smells of wet stones, forest floor and dried flowers. In the mouth, graphite and tight red berry flavors mix with crushed stones and dried herbs. Fantastic acidity and length for a wine that is still fairly tightly wound. Bright citrusy flavors accompany the zingy bright notes of this wine, which lingers for minutes in the finish. Outstanding. 13.6% alcohol. Score: around 9.5. *Alder Yarrow, vinography.com, 6.27.2015*



A dark and brooding wine with aromas of dark chocolate, pen ink, brambly blackberry, cigar ash, and forest floor. In the mouth the wine is impressively tannic, and fairly focused. Not a generous, sweet wine, but a fascinating, complex, and savory one.

Kelli White, Napa Valley Then & Now, 2015



The nose is fruity, fresh and relatively gourmand. The wine needs to be aerated in the glass or to be served in a carafe. It reveals notes of ripe cassis, very ripe red fruits and mushrooms associated with fine notes of underbrush, crème de cassis as well as fine touches of licorice and a slight touch of mocha. The palate is fruity, nicely built and offers an acid frame, a nice freshness, a nice juiciness, roundness, a good volume and a beautiful elegance. On the palate this wine expresses notes of blackberry jam, cassis, touches of plum and hints of prune, with fine notes of red fruits (raspberry, cherry), fine touches of liquorice, forest floor (discreet) as well as hints of sweet spices and tobacco. Good length and persistence with notes of black fruits, dried fruits as well as slight notes of cola and spices (cardamom, mocha).

Translated from French, Vert de Vin, August 2016



The nose is currently in an adolescent phase, with low intensity. The palate is well-structured, offering a velvety mouthfeel and silky tannins. The finish evokes tertiary aromas of dried mushroom and forest floor.

Translated from French, La Revue du Vin de France, April 2018



Deep ruby. Aromas of candied cassis and peppermint. Sweet, dense and light on its feet, with lovely energy and intensity to its youthful flavors of cassis, boysenberry and licorice. Very suave and seamless cabernet with a long, tactile, very subtle finish featuring excellent verve and melted tannins. I supplemented my vertical tasting by sampling this wine during my March visit to Corison a couple weeks later, and only 375-milliliter bottles remained of this vintage. But my bottle came across as amazingly youthful.

Stephen Tanzer, Vinous, September 2012

John Winthrop Haeger

Deep but still transparent garnet; dusty nose with floral notes, a hint of citrus peel and some mineral-laced blackberry; on the palate, plums and currants in a spicy and slightly peppery wrapper; herbal and savory elements at first, then mocha at mid-palate; the fruit cedes palate space to minerality and rich texture toward the finish; mouth-filling, ferrous and hedonistic. *Reviewed 2010*