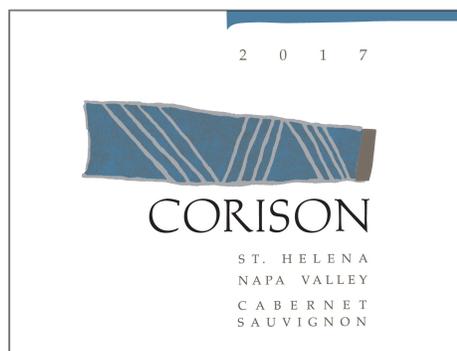


2017 Corison Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon



Abundant winter rains got 2017 off to a great start. In August, the belly of the ripening season, the grapes enjoyed moderate days and cool nights, perfect for flavor development. Then heat in early September turned the vintage into a sprint, with the entire harvest picked over nine consecutive days. We are grateful that all our grapes were in the barn before the fires, fermented and resting safely in barrels.

The 2017 speaks eloquently of its growing season with dense, rich, layered dark fruit flavors including black raspberries, dried cherries, dark plums, cassis and boysenberries, set off by the snappy natural acidity that is a hallmark of Corison Cabernets. It is wildly complex, with baking spice and anise notes joining dried Herbs de Provence and hints of peppermint. Floral perfume is already in evidence with rose petals, violets and lavender chiming in. It feels like silk velvet on the palate.
~ Cathy Corison



Cathy Corison's 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley) is a bold, racy wine. A rush of black cherry, plum, sweet tobacco, spice and cedar makes a strong opening statement. The 2017 has plenty of richness and notable density...
Antonio Galloni, January 2020

JamesSuckling.com

94 A succulent red with currants and fine, lightly dusty tannins. Medium to full body. Cedar and hazelnuts at the finish. Extremely refined and delicious. Drink now or hold.
February 14, 2020

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95 – Cellar Selection From benchland vineyards, the winemaker's perennial beauty of a wine is structured, evolved, graceful and complex, with powerful floral aromatics of rose and violet. Earthy and herbal, it tastes of rock and iron, with bright underlying invitations of cassis, tangy cherry and plum.
Virginie Boone, August 2020

VIEW FROM THE CELLAR

93 The 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon “Napa Valley” bottling from Cathy Corison is excellent- no surprise there! This is quite a bit riper than the old school 2016 vintage, as the 2017 tips the scales at 14.2 percent octane, but still delivers all of the purity and elegant refinement one expects from Cathy’s cabernets. The youthful bouquet wafts from the glass in a blend of black cherries, cassis, cigar smoke, Rutherford Dust and a nice touch of spicy new oak. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied and already quite suave on the attack, with a lovely core of fruit, very good soil signature, ripe, beautifully integrated tannins and a long, nascently complex and very well-balanced finish.
John Gilman, Issue #87, May-June 2020



92 Medium to medium-dark ruby; attractive, fragrant, dark cherry and blackberry fruit aroma with earthy notes and hints of cassis and baking spice; full body; rich, ripe, elegant, nicely balanced, red and black berry fruit flavors with notes of dried herbs and undertones of toasty oak; full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Deserves a good three to five more years of bottle aging.
Very highly recommended.
June 2020

93 The 2017 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon is a wonderful showing from Cathy Corison. It begins with inviting aromatics of black raspberries, cassis and plum, which are woven together with cedar box, tobacco, fresh violets, licorice and underlying wet gravel nuances all developing beautifully in the glass. On the palate this possesses a medium-plus-bodied with a gorgeous supple texture, driven by a ripe core that pushes out concentrated flavors of black raspberry cordial, black plum, baking spices and tobacco. It goes on to impress with its outstanding combination of opulence and finesse all the way through the long lingering finish... it is absolutely stunning today, yet given the track record of Corison, there is no reason to believe this won't also age gracefully for at least a decade or two.

Joe D'Angelo, April 2020

Daniel Mangin

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It's difficult not to like a wine this expertly conceived and executed. Emphatically Cabernet, it reflects its origins (three vineyards between Rutherford and St. Helena) and vintage... Three attributes in particular struck me about this 100% Cabernet Sauvignon: the vein of acidity that underlies the fruit, the way the tannins lightly tickled my tongue, and the subtly long finish.

dannymangin.com, June 2020