

2018 Corison Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon



2018 is the darkest, inkiest vintage in my memory, a result of an extremely long, cool ripening season with cold nights. Happily, natural acidity persists during ripening under these conditions and wildly complex flavors and aromas result. As the weather was perfect at flowering, we had a bumper crop of deliciousness, making everyone happy.

Violet and dried rose perfume jumps out of the glass along with tart cherry, blueberry, plum and cassis fruit. Flavors follow with cocoa and refreshing minerality joining the party with a tantalizing white pepper note for interest. Signature velvety tannins add texture and a gentle grip to complete the picture.

~ Cathy Corison



The 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley) is fabulous. Bright, floral overtones add liveliness and lift to a core of fruit ranging from red to purplish. Vibrant and seriously expressive, the 2018 dazzles with its class and nuance. The Napa Valley Cabernet is positively alluring, even at this early stage – not to mention flat-out delicious.

Antonio Galloni, January 2020

Decanter

94 Perennially a yardstick of balance and grace, Cathy Corison's St. Helena Cabernet admirably sums up the best that the 2018 vintage has to offer: power, clarity and poise. Delicate and deft aromas of red plums and damp soil. The palate is silky and fine, with a zesty, high-toned quality through the finish.

Matthew Luczy, 13 October, 2020

JamesSuckling.com

94 Aromas of currants, walnuts, stones and berries follow through to a full body with firm, layered tannins and a pretty finish. Lovely polish to this. Needs a year or two to come completely together, but already delicious. Try after 2021.

16 December, 2020

JEB DUNNUCK

I always love the wines from Cathy Corison, and 2018 is a vintage that certainly plays to her strengths with its classic, elegant style. Looking at her 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon, this medium ruby/purple-colored effort offers an old school bouquet of red and black currants, menthol, spring flowers, and violets to go with a medium-bodied, elegant style on the palate... It offers medium-bodied richness, terrific overall balance, seamless tannins, and a great finish. Drink this classic, balanced, satisfying Cabernet from Corison over the coming 15 years or so.

jebdunnuck.com, 1/27/21



93 Medium- dark ruby color; very attractive, deep, ripe, complex, dark cherry and blackberry fruit aroma with earthy and herbal notes, and hints of baking spices; full body; rich, ripe, nicely balanced, somewhat elegant, red and black fruit flavors with bright acidity, hints of dried herbs, and undertones of well proportioned toasty oak; full tannin; lingering aftertaste.

Very highly recommended.

Nick Ponomareff, June 2021