2004 Corison Kronos Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

I am delighted with the lovely 2004 Kronos Vineyard Cabernet. The season started with a very early spring and finished with a slow and steady ripening period with nary a day over 100°F. We picked very early, enjoying perfect weather. Extremely low yields resulted in exceptional concentration. A perfume of violets, dried rose petals and star anise in the aromas complements lush blackberry, dusty plum and black cherry flavors. Nutmeg, mineral, cedar and dark chocolate notes chime in. Delicious. -Cathy Corison

92+? Full medium ruby. Primary, high-pitched aromas of blackberry, violet, licorice and cocoa powder are complicated by wilder suggestions of truffle and tobacco. Densely packed but at the same time sharply delineated, boasting terrific mid palate energy but little in the way of easy sweetness. Finishes with fine, firm tannins and lovely lingering dark fruit flavors.

Stephen Tanzer, June 2015

Lewin on Wine
Wine, Food, and Experiences
94 Still quite dark, maroon with some purple hues. Black fruit aromatics show hints of blackcurrants. Showcases absolute purity of Cabernet on palate, with pronounced cassis. Intense aromatics on opening integrate as the wine opens in the glass. Age shows in the extra smoothness on the palate, with very fine silky tannins, and no rasper to the finish; there’s no tertiary development yet. The palate flattens as it opens, bringing a feel of more European restraint. 13.8%

Benjamin Lewin, July 12, 2021

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2004 Cabernet Sauvignon Kronos Vineyard Napa Valley: Ruby-red. Black raspberry, blueberry and a floral element on the nose. Sweet, broad and captivating, with complex hints of flowers, spices, chocolate and minerals lifting the dark berry flavors. Finishes with dusty but fine tannins. Fresh for the vintage and developing slowly. The old vines and tiny crop levels have given this wine superb vinosity and thrust. 90-92 May/June 2006, Issue 126

Grapevine

2004 Corison, “Kronos Vineyard”, Napa Valley ($125) – Medium-dark ruby; cedary, very attractive, intense, dark currant and sweet blackberry fruit aroma with notes of cola and graphite; full body; rich, firmly structured, cassis and dark berry fruit flavors; well balanced; medium-full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Shows very appealing varietal character and should continue to develop with another three to five more years of bottle aging. Very highly recommended. 13.8% alcohol; 355 cases; 100% CS; released Fall 2008.

Exceptional - 2004 Corison Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, “Kronos” ($125): Classic Cab aroma of dried herbs and black cherry with a note of earth and spice. Olive/tobacco notes and superb fruit that demands bottle age. Low alcohol (13.8%) and perfect balance. I'm often asked what style of Cabernet Sauvignon I prefer. This is it.

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wine review online.com

Corison Winery, St. Helena–Napa Valley (California) Cabernet Sauvignon Kronos Vineyard 2004
93 The gem-like color is a brilliant deep ruby and the nose shows layers of black fruits and spicy oak. What sets this wine apart is an intensity and texture that is sustained through the nicely balanced and seamless finish. Kronos 2004 is an intense concentrated wine with lovely fruit and refined tannins, yet a finished alcohol of a relatively modest 13.8%.

Gerald D. Boyd, Jan 29, 2008

San Francisco Chronicle

...solid meaty, olive, spice and bark aromas. Blueberry, espresso and sweet plum confection. A savory lift on the finish.

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