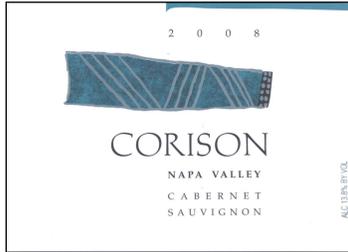


2008 Corison Cabernet Sauvignon



2008 saw a second year of drought and a heat spike during flowering which kept the crop very small. Early budbreak got the ball rolling in the spring but an unusually cool summer followed giving us the long, even ripening we hope for.

The wines are classic. Juicy and forward, the 2008 reminds me of the 2004. It has evolved quickly in the bottle with fruit flavors favoring the plum, cassis and blackberry end of the spectrum. Notes of cocoa and spice add richness. The feel in the mouth is silky and supple.

– Cathy Corison

Harvested 2-6 September 2008, 541 cases were produced

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2008 Corison Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California

Dark garnet in the glass, this wine smells of green herbs, cherry, tobacco leaf, and plum. In the mouth tight muscular tannins wrap around a deliciously juicy core of cherry, cocoa powder, and graphite. Fantastic acidity and length. The tannins are still tight, but this wine will blossom into something gorgeous in 10 years time. Hard not to drink it now, however, give its delicious sweetness of fruit. 13.8% alcohol. Score: around 9.5.

Alder Yarrow, *vinography.com*, 6.27.2015

San Francisco Chronicle

2008 Napa Cabernets: The Chronicle recommends

"The latest bottles from Cathy Corison are better than ever, and as a benchmark of the continuity of Napa, they are worth seeking out. A vintage like 2008 underscores Napa's worthy reputation as a place where the extraordinary can be grown. It offered wines with timelessness and depth, and in the end it's a year that has done Napa Valley proud."

Jon Bonné, June 2011

Top 100 Wines of 2011, San Francisco Chronicle

2008 Corison Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

"Cathy Corison's less-is-more approach is a pleasure to behold... The classic graphite, sandalwood, green olive and lively cherry and plum fruit keep evolving and deepening, so keep this bottle for a decade or more. Stunningly firm and aromatic."

Jon Bonné, 4 December 2011



2008 Corison, Napa Valley (\$70) – Medium-dark purplish ruby; attractive, forward, intense, cedary, cassis and dark berry fruit aroma with toasty notes and hints dried herbs and vanilla; full body; herbal, cedary, cassis and dark cherry fruit flavors with firm acidity; medium-full to full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Shows distinctive varietal character and deserves another three to five more years of bottle aging. Very highly recommended. 13.8% alcohol; 550 cases; 100% CS; released September 2011.



Exceptional

2008 **Corison** Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley (\$70): This wine is made in the style that earned Cathy Corison the title of one of Napa's greatest wine makers. I find sheer delight in the faint herb, tea leaf, and olive notes amid bright cherry fruit and only 13.8% alcohol. The wine's pH 3.56 balance is near perfect for aging.

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The Wine Advocate

2008 Corison Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 92

The 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon comes across as very classic in its mid-weight body and flavor profile. Dark plums, herbs, cassis and tobacco are some of the aromas and flavors that emerge from this beautifully delineated, elegant Cabernet Sauvignon.... a wine that impresses for its understated finesse.

Antonio Galloni, Issue #198, 12/23/2011



CORISON, 2008 NAPA VALLEY, \$72.50 ***** Aromatic and fresh in character, this is an excellent Cabernet, with blackberry, cassis, cherry, rose petal, toast, and modest new oak character. Beautifully balanced and medium long on the finish. 541 cases.