

# 1001 WINES

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### *Corison Cabernet Sauvignon* *Kronos Vineyard 2001*

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**Origin** USA, California, Napa Valley  
**Style** Dry red wine, 13.8% ABV  
**Grape** Cabernet Sauvignon

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Cathy Corison, like many who have worked for others, felt the persistent tug to make wine on her own terms, longing for the chance to make wines that are "both elegant and powerful".

It is the benchland alluvial soil on which all her vines grow that distinguishes the character of her Cabernet Sauvignon. Known as Bale gravelly loam, the soil has a small percentage of clay, which stores water to nourish the vines as they grow. Corison manages the vine to produce "purple, red, blue and black fruits", with lush, fully resolved tannins right out of the vineyard. Elegant and sensual, Corison Cabernets offer a subtle sinew and no dearth of fresh fruit, while communicating a clear provenance with subtle "Rutherford dust" texture on the back palate.

Corison has owned the Kronos Vineyard since 1996. Planted in soils stonier than her other sources, the grapes retain their natural acidity, which Corison wants for both backbone and longevity. The Kronos 2001, aged in 50 percent new French barrels, is more understated than those from bigger vintages or styles; but with its firm structure, it exudes elegance, energy, and dynamic complexity.