



CORISON
NAPA VALLEY

2001 Corison Kronos Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

Kronos Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is our single-vineyard estate wine. These rare vines are more than 30 years old and produce just over one ton per acre each year. 2001 was a classic vintage, with ideal conditions for making powerful yet elegant wines. There was not a single heat spike over 100 °F during the entire ripening season. Warm days and cool, foggy nights resulted in inky color and full, complex flavors. The spare rainfall during the winter months favored a smaller than average crop, contributing uncommon intensity to the wine. This is the best Cabernet I've made to date.

- Cathy Corison



Stephen Tanzer's
International Wine Cellar

2001 Cabernet Sauvignon Kronos Vineyard Napa Valley (aged in 50% new oak; made from a ten-acre parcel of 30-year-old vines next to the Corison winery on Highway 29, at the south end of St. Helena): Good full ruby. Brooding aromas of black raspberry, minerals, violet and bitter chocolate. Sweeter, denser and fatter than the 2003 and 2002 Napa bottlings, with claret-like notes of leather, smoke, cedar and graphite. Here the acids are more obviously integrated, but there's still a bit of tarry oak to be absorbed. Finishes with lovely length and lingering sweetness. The yield, always low in this vineyard, was just 1-1/2 tons per acre. **91(+1)**.

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This single vineyard beauty is Corison's cellar bet. Tasted beside her regular '01 Napa Cab, it's much deeper, darker and more brooding. It's also far more tannic. It's a big, flavorful wine, packed with plums, blackberries, currants and mocha, as well as a coating of sweet oak. This classic Cab should begin to soften in a few years and will drink well through 2012.



The **2001 Cabernet Sauvignon, Kronos Vineyard**, Napa Valley, is still quite closed. Aromas of blueberry, blackberry, cherry, currant, spice, earth, a soft sweetness and subtle oak introduce flavors of the same which have wonderful depth, layering, and intensity and great, balanced acidity and integrated smooth tannins. All finish long and medium-broad. It needs several years to develop and open but this is a delicious, restrained, elegant Cabernet and the wait will be worth it. Outstanding.

EDITORS' CHOICE - BEST WINE