



2003 Corison Kronos Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

The 2003 growing season began with a vengeance. There were a few early heat spikes in March followed by the wettest April on record. Luckily, as the season progressed, the weather became increasingly benign. After *veraison* (the critical time when the vines were busy ripening their crop), there was nary a day over 100°. Deep ruby in color, the 2003 Corison Kronos Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon boasts aromas of wild boysenberries, plums and cassis. Linzer torte and ripe black cherry flavors are complemented by hints of nutmeg, cardamom and vanilla. Soft tannins contribute a round, lush mouth feel and hints of violets charm the lingering finish.

-Cathy Corison



Rating 95 2003 Corison Kronos Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, \$98

If you choose one wine to stick in the cellar from the '03 vintage, make it the one. It's so dry, balanced and complex. The heart of blackberries and red currants is opulently rich, with overtones of cedar, pencil lead, red licorice and sweet dried herbs. Brings to mind a classic Rutherford Cab. As delicious as the wine is now, especially with decanting, it really will benefit from aging. — S.H. (2/1/2008)



2003 Cabernet Sauvignon Kronos Vineyard Napa Valley (\$100): Ruby-red. High-pitched aromas of blueberry, licorice, chocolate, leather and smoky, cedary oak. Then supple and sweet in the mouth. Finishes with firm, dusty tannins and notes of chocolate and leather. **90**.



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2003 Corison Kronos Vineyard, Napa Valley (\$98)- Medium-dark ruby; attractive, forward, rich, intense, spicy, smoky, cassis and black cherry fruit aroma with hints of mint and tea; full body; tight, herbal, cedary, dark currant and black cherry fruit flavors; well balanced and structured; full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Should continue to develop with another three to five more years of bottle aging. **Very highly recommended.** 13.8% alcohol; 380 cases; 100% CS; released October 2007. (My score 17 [90/100], first place)



The clear winner of our beef-only tasting, which included rare filet mignon and braised short ribs, was the **2003 Corison Kronos Vineyard Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon** (\$98) from winemaker Cathy Corison. It took a full 40 minutes for this wine to open up and for its black-cherry fruit, pink peppercorn spice and bitter cocoa notes to show at their best.

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2003 Cabernet Sauvignon, Kronos Vineyard

Her 2003 edition from her Kronos Vineyard just south of the town of St. Helena, I must say – while still exhibiting those aforementioned characteristics – *is* feminine. It's soft, lovely and pretty, and lush and rich. Like all her wines, they are symmetrically balanced. There were only 400 cases produced.

Reviewed August 24, 2006 by [Alan Goldfarb](#).