



CORISON
NAPA VALLEY

2005 Corison Kronos Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

Record-setting precipitation late into the spring delayed bloom and set in 2005. Then modest, even summer growing conditions were followed by an unusually cool ripening season with nighttime temperatures plummeting into the 40's in late September and early October. A lovely Indian Summer brought the fruit to perfect ripeness for late October picking. A bumper crop with marvelous flavor intensity and singular balance are the happy result. I love the brightness of the red and blue fruit flavors combined with the lush feel. Aromas of blackberries and candied violets complement flavors of black cherry, boysenberry, cassis, allspice and freshly grated nutmeg. Classic. -Cathy Corison



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2005 Cabernet Sauvignon Kronos Vineyard Napa Valley (\$125): Good bright ruby-red. Blackberry, blueberry, licorice and leather on the nose, with a suggestion of cherry liqueur. Dense, but light on its feet, offering lovely depth of cherry, licorice and leather flavor. Wonderfully vinous wine; this really vibrates in the mouth. Cathy Corison makes wines for the long haul, and this one should evolve for at least a decade or two. The crop level here was two tons per acre in this copious vintage; in '04 and '06 it was more like 1.25, according to Corison. **92 (+?)**.

California GRAPEVINE



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2005 Corison, "Kronos Vineyard", Napa Valley (\$98) – Medium-dark ruby; attractive, forward, complex, currant and dark cherry fruit aroma with notes of vanilla and graphite; full body; forward, rich, textured, ripe dark cherry fruit flavors; well balanced and firmly structured; medium-full to full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Shows distinctive varietal character. **Very highly recommended.** 13.8% alcohol; 400 cases; 100% CS; released October 2009.



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CORISON WINERY

Cabernet Sauvignon Kronos Vineyard

Napa Valley 2005

Crafted with usual Corison constraint... this sleek, singularly refined Cabernet is keyed on cassis with highlights of olive, cedar and cream lightly applied. It is balanced to firmness with fairly fine-grained tannins, and, if never an especially powerful or muscular wine, it shows plenty of stamina at the finish and will gain in refinement over the next several years.