



2005 Corison Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

The 2005 Corison Cabernet is classic and refined with great bones. September that year was unseasonably chilly and harvest was a full month later than normal. Time on the vine allowed the development of the full range of flavors that Cabernet can achieve (red and blue fruits grading into the darker, purple and black notes) at moderate alcohol. Cold nights promoted great natural acidity.

Inviting aromas jump out of the glass. Cherry pie, complete with allspice, nutmeg and cardamom, dominates the aromas and flavors with hints of plum, cassis, lavender and dark chocolate chiming in. The overall impression is warm and engaging.

- Cathy Corison



95 points
February 2009

Decanter

CAL CABS TO HUNT DOWN FROM 2005

"Make no mistake, California 2005 Cabs are juicy, full-flavoured and potent, yet many of them show restraint..."

Corison, Napa Valley ★★★★★

"Warm, spicy, berry nose. Fine, plum jam, spicy notes. Plenty of weight. Firm, crisp tannins. Nice length." "...has the structure and moderate alcohol (13.6%) to age for years. Blackcurrant, Christmas spice, tobacco... Closes with succulence and crispness."

-Decanter Magazine 2008



Sunday, December 7, 2008

The great news about Cabernet is that we're riding atop two fine vintages- 2004 and 2005- the latter of which provided not only terrific fruit but also enough of it to go around.

TOP 100 WINES 2008

★★★ 2005 Corison Winery Napa Cabernet Sauvignon (\$75) Cathy Corison coaxed a smoky, anise-tinged effort from the 2005 vintage. Balanced, fresh and ripe, with sweet black fruit, plum graphite and a big grippy finish, very much in line with her more structured, firmly tannic and ageworthy approach.

-Jon Bonné, Chronicle Wine Editor