



CORISON
NAPA VALLEY

2007 Corison Cabernet Sauvignon

2007 was the first of several droughty years with only 60% of normal rainfall. Warm weather in March resulted in an early bud-break but a long, moderate to cool summer lengthened the ripening season nicely and yielded wonderful natural acidity in the grapes. After a short heat spike at the end of August the weather turned cool again for the rest of the season. Picking was leisurely. It was one of those vintages that made winemaking look easy. Warm, rich aromas feature cinnamon, pie crust, ripe plums and cassis fruit kissed by cocoa and anise. Layered flavors of black cherries, red currants, plums and pomegranate linger. The lush texture in the mouth is full and round and tempered with perfect balance and velvety tannins.

-Cathy Corison

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2007 Corison Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon (\$70): Cathy Corison's restrained style is a model for less being more, and this is her best in years - a pure, graphite-edged expression of cassis-filled Cabernet, with sage and sandalwood accents, and a racy profile that's a brilliant expression of 2007 ripeness. Trademark Corison freshness with lots of stuffing.



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(\$70) Deep red-ruby. Aromas of blackberry and cassis, bitter chocolate, with hints of leather and meat with truffley accents. Dense and rich, with dark flavors of black cherry, boysenberry, chocolate and minerals complemented by a suggestion of Provencal herbs. This boasts very good stuffing for a Corison wine, with the result that the substantial dusty tannins make their presence felt quite late, allowing the boysenberry and chocolate finishing flavors to build. Complicated by licorice and herbs. Finishes dry and classic, with lingering suggestions of boysenberry, tobacco and iron. **90-93 points**

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2007 Corison, Napa Valley (\$70)– Medium-dark ruby color with purplish tinges; attractive, moderately intense, spicy, plummy, cassis and sweet blackberry fruit aroma with notes of vanilla and graphite; full body; rich, textured, cedary, currant and ripe blackberry fruit flavors with a silk entry and nicely integrated fruit and oak; well balanced and structured; medium-full to full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Shows complexity and distinctive varietal character. Very approachable now, though it deserves another three to five more years of bottle aging. Very highly recommended. 13.8% alcohol; 600 cases; 100% Cabernet Sauvignon; released September 2010. (Group Score: 16.5 of 20 points, 4 of 13 first-place votes/5 seconds/3 thirds; My Score: 17 [92 of 100 points], **first place**)



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Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2007 \$70.00



If sporting a nice nose to start with a good dose of curranty fruit in control, this bottling unfolds with a few moments of air and takes on complexing elements of rich oak, roasted herbs and a bit of forest-floor spice. It begins with a fine, supple entry then tightens and firms in the fashion of a young Cabernet, but it is always balanced and consistent in focus with a sense of wine-making polish that makes us believe that it will improve in the bottle for a good many years.

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