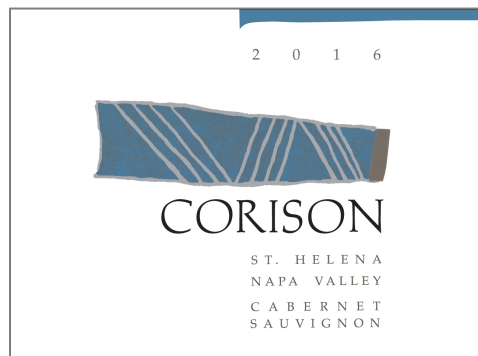


2016 Corison Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon



Warm weather in April kick-started the nearly perfect season in 2016 on the early side, followed by a moderate July and very cool August. Typical of our autumn weather, a gentle, late heat spell brought the vintage home. There was nary a day over 100F from *veraison* through harvest, my favorite kind of season. Even more important than daytime highs, nighttime lows were downright cold all summer, preserving good natural acidity.

The 2016 reminds me of the 2014 with the volume turned up a bit. Redolent with bright red currant, blueberry, tart cherry and darker plums, cassis and blackberry fruit, it is wildly complex. The fruit aromatics are complexed by baking spices and floral notes including dried rose petals and violets. Varietal dried herbs add yet another dimension. An alluring *yin* of minerality and snappy natural acidity play off against the *yang* of a broad, luscious mouth feel.

~ Cathy Corison

VIEW FROM THE CELLAR

95 The bouquet is classic, wafting from the glass in a complex and very classy blend of black cherries, sweet dark berries, Cuban cigar wrapper, Rutherford dust, a deft framing of cedary oak and just a hint of eucalyptus in the upper register. On the palate the wine is extremely pure and focused, full-bodied and beautifully bound up in its sophisticated structural chassis, with a gorgeous core of fruit, great soil signature, ripe, buried tannins and superb length and grip on the seamlessly balanced finish. This is stunning juice...

John Gilman, July-August 2019, Issue #82

WINE ENTHUSIAST

95 – Cellar Selection ...serious wine, complex and integrated, with intriguing aspects of leather, earth and truffle. Soft and supple, it shows a spiciness of clove and tart red raspberry and cassis, deliciously memorable in every way.

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92 The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley) is bold, luscious and gracious, all in the mid-weight style that is such a signature of Cathy Corison's Cabernets. Floral overtones add freshness to this super-expressive Cabernet Sauvignon. Rose petal, lavender, licorice, mint and dark cherry fruit get an extra kick of vibrancy from the natural

brightness of the year. What a gorgeous wine this is.

Antonio Galloni, Dec 2018



...showing a certain, understated sense of complexity to its lightly perfumed aromas of currants, sweet oak and loam, this medium-full-bodied effort steers away from sinewy strength and forceful ripeness, and it shows a lighter hand

throughout. It is a Cabernet that aims for refinement above all else, and, echoing its like-minded cellarmate from the Sunbasket Vineyard, it can be enjoyed in its youth but is balanced to keep comfortably for a good many years.

August 2019

purely domestic wine report

93 The nose is a fresh, pure lanolin and blossom of lilac, jasmine and violet. The palate is stunningly gorgeous on entry rising to a mid-palate of graphite, hard blackberry and notes of earth and tobacco.

Doug Wilder, Issue 7.4



93 The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon from Cathy Corison is absolutely beautiful. All about elegance and finesse, this begins with inviting aromas of red currants and dark cherries woven together with pencil shavings, spring flowers, herbs and wet gravel all developing

in the glass. This possesses a gorgeous medium body, with silky tannins that glide effortlessly across the palate. It goes on to display wonderful precision and balance with vibrant acidity keeping it fresh and lively through the sleek finish. The 2016 is already drinking extremely well at this early stage, and should continue to age beautifully in bottle for years to come.

May 2019



Medium- dark purplish ruby; attractive, deep, ripe, cassis and blackberry fruit aroma with earthy notes and hints of mocha and baking spice; full body; rich, ripe, cedary, textured, red and black fruit flavors with notes of dried herbs; full tannin; lingering aftertaste. **Very highly recommended.** *Vol. 45, May 2019*

JamesSuckling.com 93 This has a great cassis and sour-cherry nose with hints of lilacs, wet stones and licorice. Quite powerful, but restrained and elegant, this medium-bodied Napa cab has impeccable balance with a very long, clean and dry finish that pulls you back to the glass for more. A great food-wine with just 13.1 per cent alcohol! Drink or hold. *May 3, 2019*

JEB DUNNUCK

91 This classic effort has lots of cassis, leafy herbs, some damp earth, and sappy spring flower aromas and flavors. Medium-bodied, beautifully balanced, and downright elegant... terrific purity, balance, and length. I'd happily drink bottles over the coming decade or more. *jebdunnuck.com, 1/31/19*