

CORISON

2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



The entire spectrum of Cabernet Sauvignon fruit flavors is present and accounted for, from cherries and raspberries through blueberries, to purple plums, black cassis and marionberries, for remarkable complexity. A floral perfume of dried roses, violets and lavender is already jumping out of the glass. Signature Rutherford Dust minerality joins baking spices, notes of cocoa, dried thyme and a whiff of tar and anise. Tannins that are firm and grippy, though velvety, lend structure and mouthfeel. It is going to be a lot of fun watching this wine over time.

Cathy Corison spends much of her time and energy out in the vineyards. Careful canopy management, requiring meticulous handwork, yields fully ripe fruit that retains snappy natural acidity at moderate sugar levels. The winemaking is largely non-interventionist, with gentleness at every step. Aged 20 months in small French oak barrels. Sustainable farming with organic farming techniques. Compost and cover crops promote flourishing soils which, the vineyards are tilled to manage weeds and no synthetic pesticides are used. Organic certification is imminent! There are nesting boxes in the vineyards to attract birds that help with insect control and they are working toward dry farming. Solar panels on the winery produce all of their electricity. The winery is passively night-cooled by drawing cool air in with louvers on the ground floor while warm air is vented to the outside through classic cupolas on the roof.

Cathy Corison's winemaking journey began nearly 50 years ago when she took a wine appreciation course at Pomona College on a whim. She fell in love with wine for all the usual reasons, and as a Biology major, she was taken by the fact that wine is the result of a fascinating collaboration among a series of living systems. A master's degree in Enology at UC Davis followed, and then over a decade of winemaking positions before founding Corison Winery in 1987. In her early years everything was done with smoke and mirrors, using purchased fruit and space in others' wineries. Today Cathy and her Husband William Martin have built a special home to celebrate the best of their little corner of the world; benchland in the heart of the Napa Valley. They have 2 Estate Vineyards and a stately Victorian-style winery barn, designed by William. They produce delicious Cabernet Sauvignons that speak of place. Known for power and elegance, Corison wines are balanced to grace the table and are recognized throughout the world for their longevity and consistency.

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Tasting Note:

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Cabernet Sauvignon. Aromas of dried roses, violets & lavender; flavors of cherries, raspberries, blueberries, purple plums, black cassis & marionberries; dusty minerality, baking spices, cocoa, thyme, tar & anise; firm, grippy & velvety tannins.

Shelf Talker:

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