

2013 Corison Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon



2013 was a near-perfect vintage. The weather was ideal for flowering in the spring, which resulted in a plentiful crop, followed by an unseasonably cool summer with highs seldom climbing out of the 80F's, and nary a heat spike over 95F. The nighttime temperatures were correspondingly chilly, which gave us a firm structure on which to hang the complex flavors. A particularly luscious texture coupled with snappy natural acidity is a delight, providing a yin and yang duality. Aromas and flavors tend toward the dark end of the Cabernet fruit spectrum with blueberries, black cherries, blackberries and dark plums all singing in close harmony. Complexing notes include tobacco, baking spices, chocolate, and savory herbs including sage, thyme and basil. Floral notes of violets and rose petals play with a notable stony minerality in the aromas and long finish.

-Cathy Corison



94 A deep, inky wine, the 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon is endowed with serious depth. Here the flavors are unusually dark and intense, with plenty of blue and black stone fruits. Graphite, cloves and licorice contribute to an overall impression of gravitas... Hints of violet, lavender and plum add the final shades of nuance. All of the signatures of the vintage come through beautifully. The translucent, mineral-laced finish is especially appealing. Frankly, it's hard to put the glass down.

Antonio Galloni, Oct. 2015

2013 Napa Valley: A First Look...

Corison - I have been drinking Cathy Corison's Cabernets since the mid 1990s, but this is the first time I have tasted the wines from barrel at such an early stage. It is fascinating to taste the vineyards that go into the Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon separately. In particular, the 2013 Cabernet from Hayne is compelling for the striking purity of its fruit. Some of the other benchland sites display more ferrous, mineral notes that add complexity to the blend.

Antonio Galloni, tastings, April 2014

VIEW FROM THE CELLAR

2013 Corison Winery "Napa Valley" Cabernet Sauvignon (Napa Valley)

Cathy Corison's 2013 Napa Valley bottling is the first cabernet sauvignon I have tasted from this vintage, and the wine is an absolute classic in the making. The beautifully youthful and pure nose wafts from the glass in a blend of red and black cherries, a hint of meatiness, incipient notes of Rutherford Dust, cigar wrapper, a touch of allspice and a very refined framing of cedary oak. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied, focused and impeccably balanced, with a fine core of fruit, ripe tannins, lovely soil inflection and outstanding length and grip on the cool, classy and nascently complex finish. At 13.5 percent alcohol, this wine is just perfect in all respects and simply needs the addition of bottle age to blossom into a hauntingly beautiful bottle of cabernet sauvignon. **94**

John Gilman, July-August 2015, #58

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95 The 2013 is another remarkable wine to add to the impressive list of amazing Napa Valley Cabernet from Cathy Corison. This instantly opens with irresistible aromas of fresh ripe blackberries and currants woven together with loads of intense violets and graphite, along with hints of dried sage and pencil shavings. On the palate this shows remarkable concentration and depth, yet remains beautifully balanced and focused with wonderful purity through the velvety, layered finish. This improves with each second in the glass and I only expect this to continue to evolve gracefully for many years to come. The 2013 certainly has a wonderful future in store.

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CORISON Napa Valley 2013 "...an incisive, fairly complex look at the grape that quietly shows off the grape's more elegant side."

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Corison Cabernet Sauvignon 2013 – **92** A hugely successful Cabernet for Corison in this vintage, combining freshness, lift and wonderful intensity. The flavors are ripe, juicy and intense, while at the same time filled with detail and nuances that make you keep going back to the glass. Long finish. Potential to age 15-plus years.

Jeannie Cho Lee, LP Guide, September-October 2015