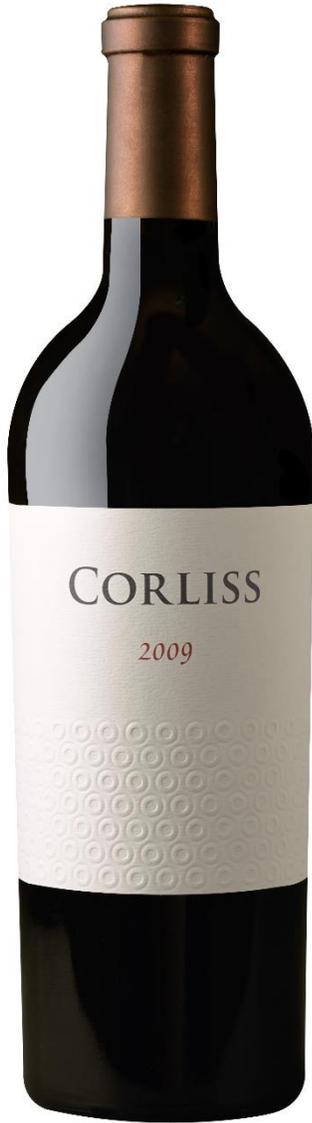




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Tasting Notes: Complex and intriguing on the nose, with aromas of redcurrant, strawberry and dried red fruits, infused with earthy notes of cedar, black tea and tobacco. The palate is dense and plush with an excellent concentration of red and black fruit flavors. The sheer abundance of fruit is supported by fine-grained, dusty tannins that slowly fill the mouth, drawing out the palate to an incredibly long-lasting finish.

Winemaking Notes: The warm dry growing season of 2009 produced deeply concentrated wines with ripe tannins, rich fruit flavors, and excellent density of color. Harvest commenced on September 9 and lasted just under five weeks, with our Bordeaux varietals reaching optimal maturity slightly earlier than usual. Individual blocks were hand-harvested and sorted. Once in tank, intense color and flavor quickly bled from the skins, while the gentle pumping over the cap during fermentation built structure and concentration into the wine. Following the completion of fermentation and an extended time on skins, free-run juice was gravity-drained and the skins lightly pressed into new and used French oak barriques. The most out-standing components were selected to produce a five-varietal blend that is powerful, balanced and complete, epitomizing the Corliss style.

Varietal Composition: Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot, Malbec

Ratings:

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar: 93pts

Good medium ruby-red. Aromas of redcurrant, strawberry, cedar, smoke, coffee and sexy herbs. Dense, supple and deep, with impressive chewy concentration to the flavors of red fruits, mint and spicy oak. Offers the breadth of a very ripe year but there's also very good energy here. The sweet tannins dust the front teeth but are nicely covered by fruit on the long, smooth finish. This wine should absorb more of its oak element by the time it's released next fall.

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, reviewed by Jeb Dunneck: 94pts

The 2009 Red Wine is a blend of Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot and Malbec. It exhibits up-front, ripe aromas and flavors of black raspberry, chocolate ganache, black currants, lead pencil and toast to go with full-bodied richness and depth on the palate. More rounded, up-front and approachable than the straight Cabernet release, it's a sexy, hard-to-resist red to enjoy over the coming decade or more.