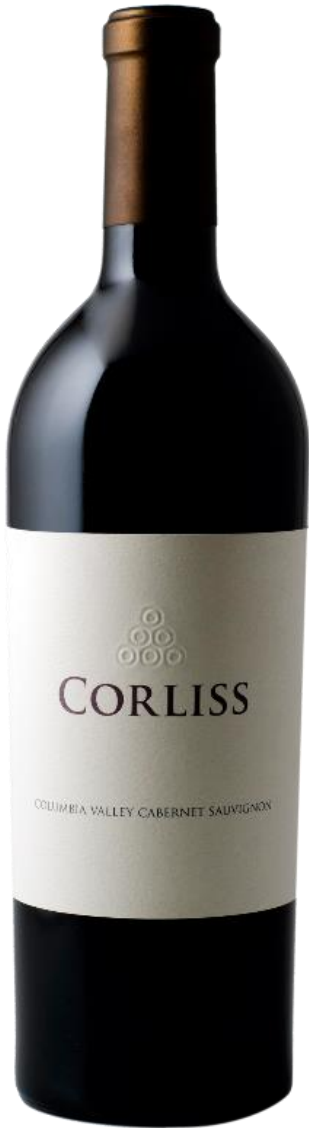




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2010 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Tasting Notes: Dark fruit aromas of wild fig, blackberry and cassis come with seductive notes of espresso, bay leaf and tobacco. Texturally seamless, the wine saturates the palate upon entry, driven by stunning structural intensity and depth. Hints of blackberry, licorice and bitter dark chocolate accentuate the opulent dark fruit profile. Densely packed, fine-grain tannins coat the mouth, effortlessly drawing the palate out to an expressive, lingering finish.

Winemaker Notes: The 2010 growing season began with a mild spring, followed by an unusually cool summer, resulting in naturally lower yields. Our Cabernet blocks were harvested from mid-October through to early November, showing dark, concentrated fruit flavors, bright natural acidity and intense color. Berries were hand-sorted into large oak fermenters, helping to lift the aromatics of the wine and contributing supple richness to the palate. Gentle handling through fermentation and an extended period on skins enhanced fruit density and weight on the palate and promoted the extraction of soft and supple tannins into the wine. Once fermentation was complete, individual lots were drained by gravity and their skins lightly pressed into new and used French oak barriques. After maturation in barrel, the most powerful and expressive components were blended to create our 2010 Cabernet Sauvignon.

Ratings:

Robert Parker's Wine Advocate, reviewed by Jeb Dunnuck: 95 pts

Another smoking 2010 from this team. Lavishly oaked, with gorgeous chocolate, currants, licorice and tobacco leaf on the nose, it hits the palate with full-bodied richness and depth, yet never seems heavy, cumbersome or over the top. In fact, it integrates its oak with time in the glass and shows more and more freshness and elegance.

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar: 95+ pts

Good deep ruby-red. Tight nose offers blackberry, cassis, licorice and minerals. Then juicy and firm in the mouth; more backward than the red blend but already shows outstanding aromatic lift and clarity to the multidimensional flavors of cassis, blueberry, menthol, cedar and milk chocolate. Finishes with substantial dusty tannins and outstanding juicy length. Potentially great wine with a long future.