



# CORLISS®



## 2010 CORLISS

**Tasting Notes:** Layered aromas of blackcurrant, licorice and dried red fruits are infused with deeper notes of cedar, sage and tobacco. The palate shows excellent textural depth, with an impressive concentration of red and black fruit flavors, spice and graphite. Firm, fine-grained tannins expand gracefully across the palate, building to a seamless, long-lasting finish.

**Winemaking Notes:** Cooler conditions throughout the 2010 growing season helped create intensely aromatic wines, with deep color and a purity of bright fruit flavors. We began harvesting our Bordeaux varietals on September 25, roughly two weeks later than usual. The fruit was hand-harvested and meticulously sorted into oak and concrete fermenters. Gentle pumping over the cap during the fermentation helped build structure and concentration into the wine. Following an extended time on skins, free-run juice was gravity-drained and the skins lightly pressed into new and once used French oak barriques. The most outstanding components were selected to produce a three-varietal blend that is powerful, balanced and complete, epitomizing the Corliss style.

### Ratings:

**Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar: 93 pts**

“(a blend of 45% cabernet franc, 30% cabernet sauvignon and 25% merlot): Good red-ruby. Redcurrant, licorice and graphite on the nose, lifted by floral and minty nuances. At once broad and delineated in the mouth, with lovely perfume and energy to the flavors of redcurrant, cocoa powder, tobacco leaf and sexy oak. Very fresh, pliant blend with a savory, slow-building aftertaste featuring suave tannins.”

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

“A big, rich and stacked effort, Corliss' 2010 Columbia Valley Red Wine has awesome density and concentration to go with ripe notes of cassis, black cherries, smoked earth and crushed rocks. There's a lot of fruit here (surprising in the vintage), but it shows more and more tannic grip and underlying structure with time in the glass. Seeing 30 months in new and used French oak, it has the texture and polish to drink beautifully today, but I think it will be even better with short-term cellaring, and have upward of two decades of overall longevity.”

**Wine Enthusiast: 93 pts / CELLAR SELECTION**

“This blend of Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot saw 30 months in French oak and another two years in bottle prior to release. There's plenty of detail to the concentrated coffee, cherry, graphite and blackberry aromas and flavors that reflect perfect balance. It's drinking exquisitely now but has a long life in front of it. It will be best from 2020–2026.”