

# The WINE ADVOCATE®

## 2009 CORLISS ESTATES SYRAH

“For this report, the 2009 Syrah is the youngest release and it’s certainly worth waiting for. A co-fermented blend of 95% Syrah and 5% Viognier that spent 30 months in 55% new French oak, it offers up a thrilling array of blackberry and black currant fruit, incense, spice box, chocolate and roasted meats on the nose. Already complex and getting a big “Wow” in my notes, it has decadent richness, yet never seems heavy or cumbersome. Similarly styled on the palate, with a full-bodied, voluptuous texture, superb mid-palate depth and masses of tannin on the finish, it will benefit from another 2-3 years in the cellar and have 10-15 years or more of ultimate longevity. Drink 2015-2024.”

*Jeb Dunnuck, Robert Parker, Jr.’s The Wine Advocate*      **RATING 96**

## 2008 CORLISS ESTATES CABERNET SAUVIGNON

“More perfumed and lively aromatically, yet more firm and backwards on the palate, the 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon is a knockout 100% Cabernet Sauvignon that spent 30 months in 70% new French oak. Classically styled, with black currants, toasty oak, violets, licorice and background meatiness, it is a full-bodied, structured and age-worthy 2008 that will evolve gracefully for 15+ years. It improves over the evening but should ideally be given another handful of years in the cellar. Drink now-2028+.”

*Jeb Dunnuck, Robert Parker, Jr.’s The Wine Advocate*      **RATING 95**

## 2008 CORLISS ESTATES RED WINE

“Just about as good, the Bordeaux blend 2008 Corliss (formerly reviewed as Red Wine) is comprised of 34% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc, 23% Cabernet Sauvignon, 13% Petit Verdot and 5% Malbec that spent 30 months in 65% new French oak. Almost a meal on its own, it has full, rich aromas and flavors of currants, smoked herbs, milk chocolate and potpourri to go with a full-bodied, beautifully textured and balanced palate. Youthfully structured and tannic, it needs another 1-2 years of bottle age and will keep for 10-15 years. Drink 2015-2023.”

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