

Corra Wines

Celia Welch's first interaction with grapes was under the huge oak tree in her backyard in Southern Oregon, where her siblings and she plucked grape berries from stems for their father, an avid wine collector and home winemaker. Her parents also included the family on trips through Napa and Sonoma in the early sixties, and, like most visitors, she was entranced with the beauty of the rolling vineyards.



In 1982 with a degree in Enology earned at UC Davis in her back pocket, she set out to take a peek at a few wine regions. Her travels took her to the Pacific Northwest, the East Coast, and to New Zealand. She worked harvest in the Barossa Valley of Australia, and then settled in the Napa Valley to refine her craft. Celia had reached a fork in her career path in the early nineties, and she chose to focus on independent wine consulting. The wines she has made create a microcosm of Napa Valley. She has made wine from vineyards on Mt. Veeder, Atlas Peak, and Howell Mountain to those in Carneros, and from benchland vineyards from St. Helena to Napa.



In 2004 came the idea and the challenge of founding Corra. It was not easy to find vineyard sources with top-quality fruit, a winery with a bit of space to spare for barrels, and a strong team of individuals with experience in different aspects of the wine business from grapevines to websites. The results of these efforts have been tremendous; two well-received wines and a project that has led to information- and idea-sharing for everyone involved. Corra, a Celtic deity representing prophecy, symbolizes this small brand's forward-looking perspective. Showing herself on earth in the form of a crane, Corra takes wing and lifts her shadow to life.

Cabernet Sauvignon



Varietal/Blend: Cabernet Sauvignon

Farming Practices: conventional

Vine Training: Guyot

Harvest Technique: by hand

Fermentation: destemmed and fermented on skins for an average of 21 days

Malolactic: full

Maturation: 22 months in oak 65% new

Country: California

Region: Rutherford, Oakville and Pritchard Hill

“Great vineyards in great vintages are nothing but pure joy in liquid form. The 2016 Corra Cabernet Sauvignon shows dark purple color, warm blueberry/huckleberry aromas and a dense, full, rich entry. True to the sophisticated style of Corra, the wine has the structure of a wine built to age well for decades, yet the finish shows a texture of heavy satin.”

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The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon is rich, dense and explosive, with tremendous energy and intensity. Black cherry, graphite, plum, lavender and sweet spice abound in a striking, vibrant Cabernet Sauvignon endowed with tremendous intensity. All the elements come together in this vivid, captivating Cabernet Sauvignon from Corra and proprietor Celia Welch. The 2016 is a blend of fruit from sites in Rutherford, Oakville and on Pritchard Hill, and spent 22 months in oak, 65% new.

96 points, Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*

2016 Corra Cabernet Sauvignon ...the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon comes mostly from Pritchard Hill as well as Oakville and Rutherford. It has an awesome bouquet of crème de cassis, graphite, cedar shavings, and dried flowers. Incredibly complex, it doesn't lose a beat on the palate and is medium to full-bodied, has ultra-fine tannins, and incredibly purity of fruit. As with all the wines Celia makes, it's impeccably balanced. It can be drunk today with plenty of pleasure, yet I suspect it will be even better with 4-5 years of bottle age and drink nicely for 15-20 years or more.

95+ points, Jeb Dunnock, *JebDunnock.com*