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Beckstoffer Missouri Hopper Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

2019

Heritage



B Cellars is especially proud of its long-term partnership with legendary and pioneering grower, Andy Beckstoffer. With a portfolio of seven single-vineyard heritage wines, the B Cellars - Beckstoffer partnership offers some of the region's best wines, produced from the most sought after vineyards in Napa Valley. We have nurtured our partnership with Beckstoffer Vineyards since our founding in 2003 and continue to be one of the few wineries in the Napa Valley that produces a wine from each of the six Heritage Vineyards.

Winemaker's Notes



Brilliantly aromatic, showing a softer, prettier side of the typically powerful Oakville palate. Ripe aromatics of blackberry and raspberry pie and cassis are lifted with fresh floral notes, pekoe tea and cinnamon, cardamom, cedar, and espresso. The palate is full of fresh fruit flavors, bramble berries, strawberry, cherry, and plum with a bright acidity and a lively tannic structure.

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Vineyard Story

Located north of the town of Yountville in the Oakville winegrowing appellation, Beckstoffer Missouri Hopper was originally part of a large piece of land owned by George C. Yount, from whom the town of Yountville takes its name. Purchased by Charles Hopper and given to his daughter Missouri in 1877, the land was planted to wine grapes and, as much of the Napa land was at that time, prunes and walnuts. In 1960, the land was purchased by Bruce Kelham as part of the historic Vine Hill Ranch. Purchased by Beckstoffer Vineyards from the Kelham family in 1996, the vineyard is today planted with multiple clones of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. In 2002, Andy Beckstoffer placed this property under a land conservation easement that forever prohibits non-agricultural development.



Vintage Notes

The 2019 growing season was a lot like a long distance race. The beginning had it's share of intrigue, the middle was steady and predictable, and the end was action packed. The early part of the year was mild, with almost no frost to speak of but there was a decent amount of rain, saturating the soils and laying the groundwork for long growing season. The spring and summer were relatively calm and steady with no major events to speak of. As fall drew near, it became clear that the wet winter and mild summer were pushing the ripening schedule back. Even though harvest took us all of the way through October, the extra time on the vine imparted amazing structure and flavor development. The alternating pattern of warm and cool days throughout harvest allowed the fruit to maintain ideal levels of acidity. Look for fresh vibrant flavors and luscious, silky textures in the wines of the 2019 vintage.

