

# *Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon*

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

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**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*



The essence of Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon. The aroma is dark and earthy, with blackberry compote, plums, raspberry and cassis, cherry cola, black olive, and coffee bean. The palate is full bodied, with a bright acidity, mouth-coating tannin, and a bold, glycerol mouth-feel. The fruit is balanced between dark berries and brighter red fruits, all with a baked pie and holiday spice element. Dried mushroom and forest floor, black pepper, cedar, and coffee bean aromas continue to complement the palate through the finish, which is exceptionally lengthy, emphasizing the mouth-coating and luscious tannins.

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## *Vineyard Story*



Perhaps the most famous of the Beckstoffer vineyards, Beckstoffer To Kalon was purchased from Beaulieu Vineyard in 1993. Napa pioneer Hamilton Crabb first planted the vineyard in 1868, and it has produced some of the Napa Valley's best red grapes ever since. Replanted in 1994 to multiple clones of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc with modern trellising and closer vine spacing, the vineyard produces several highly coveted vineyard-designated wines. In 2007 the property was placed 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.

