

B CELLARS
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*Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard
Cabernet Sauvignon*

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

2020

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 aroma is bright and earthy, with brandied cherries, cassis, figs, and cloved covered orange peels. Dried cherries, licorice, dates, and plums dance across your palate. These candied, dried-fruits are balanced by an undertone of forrest floor and espresso. This wine has an ethereal presence that is balanced by smooth velvety tannins on the finish.

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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 2020 season will be remembered for factors beyond the normal measurements. Here in the valley, it was a warm, dry winter and we didn't start to see rain and cold weather until the end of March. While the mild spring season gave us a great early start, summer brought very cool mornings and very warm days. Through the first half of August, it had been a picture-perfect growing season, with a wet spring and well-spaced heat spikes followed by long periods of moderate temperatures. This build-up to harvest was interrupted by two wildfires as we turned to the fall; The LNU Complex Fire started on August 17th and the Glass Fire started on September 27. The 2020 harvest officially began for B Cellars on Friday, August 28. Up until the very end of the season, the growing conditions were close to perfection, and the quality of the fruit we have harvested is exceptional.

