

B CELLARS
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Beckstoffer Georges III 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



This wine is the perfect representation of what made the Rutherford AVA infamous, Rutherford Dust. Balanced red and black fruit burst from the glass. Cranberry, plums, and strawberry jam are balanced with aroma of castelvetrano olives and cardamom. On the palate damson plum, pomegranates, chocolate covered cherries, and exotic spices lead to a tannic finish reminiscent of prickly pears.

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Vineyard Story

Historical records show that a portion of this vineyard was planted in 1895 by Mrs. Thomas Rutherford. This 300-acre parcel first purchased by Beaulieu founder Georges de Latour in 1928 and called Beaulieu Vineyard Number 3, was the home to BV's Rutherford Cabernet made by the renowned winemaker Andre Tchelistcheff. Purchased by Beckstoffer Vineyards in 1988, the vineyard has since been replanted using new Cabernet Sauvignon clones and advanced techniques, enhancing both quality and grape tonnage. In 2009 181 acres were 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.

