

# *Beckstoffer Missouri Hopper Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon*

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

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2021

## *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 vineyard is known for showing a softer, prettier side of the typically powerful Oakville palate. Ripe aromatics of cranberry and raspberry pie. Dried floral notes of lilac, coupled with exotic spices, sandalwood and cherries. The palate is full of fresh fruit flavors, bramble berries, strawberry, and cherry cola, with subtle nuances of pipe tobacco, cigar box, and black tea with a bright acidity and silky tannins.

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## *Vineyard Story*

Located north of the town of Yountville in the Oakville wine growing 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 2021 vintage will be remembered for low yields with intensely-flavored, small-sized berries and a smooth and uneventful harvest season. This years growing season can best be described as a cold start to a warm fast finish. The season started off with very little rain, leading to the 2nd year of drought conditions. Harvest began early with white wine grapes picked in August and some reds started being picked in September. The drought of 2021 resulted in a more natural load on the vines, requiring less pruning and dropping of fruit. The resulting grapes are packed full of flavor. The 2021 vintage will be marked with outstanding and intense flavor profiles.

