

B CELLARS
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Beckstoffer Bourn Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

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



The aromas take on equal spice and fruit, with a complex medley of black fruit and blueberry compote, with cigar box, leather, dried olive, and cassis. The palate furthers the complexity and richness of the nose, with a burst of blackberry jam and espresso roast. Subtle hints of Chinese five spice and star anise lead to lifting red fruit. Center line tannins focus the palate providing structure throughout.



Vineyard Story

Beckstoffer Bourn Vineyard was originally the vineyard of William Bowers Bourn II, considered the last Bonanza King of the California Gold Rush because of his ownership of the Empire Mine - the finest gold mine in California. Bourn is also credited with having built Greystone Cellars in St. Helena (currently the Culinary Institute of America Greystone). He purchased his vineyard in St. Helena in 1872 as a family home and much of the original vineyard land remains in the care of his descendants to this day. A portion of the original vineyard was purchased by Beckstoffer Vineyards in 2010. Planted with head-trained, old-growth Petite Sirah and various clones of Cabernet Sauvignon, the Beckstoffer Bourn vineyard is the newest Heritage vineyard.



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.