

B CELLARS
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*Beckstoffer Georges III 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



Complex and balanced, with generous notes of red berries, a definitively nervy tension throughout the palate, finished with dusty and fine-grained, lingering tannins. The wine is focused, boasting an intensity and purity of fruit throughout the palate that is matched only by its lively and spicy complexity. Ripe red fruits, fresh, dried, and baked, are balanced with cocoa, olive tapenade, espresso, and again, those fine-grained, dusty tannins.

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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 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.

