

B CELLARS  
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*Beckstoffer Georges III Vineyard  
Cabernet Sauvignon*

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

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**2022**

*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*



Savory on the nose with notes of star anise, olive tapenade, and cardamom combine with a bright and lively palate. Flavors of plum, cranberries, raspberry jam, and cassis sing in perfect harmony around the quintessential dusty tannins that are synonymous with Rutherford

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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 2022 growing season started with weeks of sunny days that created an earlier bud break. Bouts of cooler temperatures occurred in late February and early April, and July was relatively mild compared to past years. Harvest began a few weeks earlier than anticipated, and finished earlier than normal due to consistently warm summer days in late August and early September. By mid-October, 90% of the grapes had been picked. Despite some of the challenges, which included limited rainfall, some early season fluctuation in temperature, and a warm spring and early summer, we experienced no significant issues. Yields were lighter than average. Overall, this was a solid growing season that showed great fruit quality with smaller berry and cluster sizes.

