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*Beckstoffer Missouri Hopper
Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon*

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

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



Of the Heritage vineyards, this Cabernet Sauvignon is the showiest in the glass, known for show-stopping aromatics of perfumed fruit and a chef's delight of spicy notes, and the 2022 vintage is no exception. The nose is expressive with bright notes of strawberry, anise, roasted coffee bean, and raspberry pie. On entry, the palate is laden with dark blackberry compote and baking spice. Supportive acidity leads to notes of fresh plum and warm cassis. Soft, structural tannins lengthen the palate to a luscious finish

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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 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 summer was relatively mild compared to past years. Harvest began a few weeks earlier than anticipated, and finished earlier than normal due to consistently warm fall 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. Everything is pointing to a stellar 2022 vintage.

