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*Beckstoffer Missouri Hopper
Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon*

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

2023

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 wine is the most aromatic of the vintage, bursting with an expressive bouquet of cinnamon, holiday spices, chai, sassafras, cherry cola, orange tea, and mocha. The palate is lively and layered, offering bright notes of fresh strawberries, cassis, and blackberry preserves. As always, Beckstoffer Missouri Hopper Vineyard reveals a graceful elegance, showcasing a prettiness rarely seen in Oakville.

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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 2023 vintage was exceptional. Harvest began late, running anywhere from two weeks to a full month behind what has become “normal timing”. Plentiful winter rains revitalized the soils and encouraged healthy canopies while cooler temperatures across Napa and Sonoma in spring and summer allowed grapes to develop gradually, enjoying extra ripening time. Many varieties reached maturity simultaneously, leading to a compressed harvest. Our first fruit arrived to the winery on September 11th, with the last pick happening on November 3rd. This vintage produced wines with beautiful flavors, vibrant acidity and remarkable balance.

