



B CELLARS

vineyards and winery

NAPA VALLEY

Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard

100% cabernet sauvignon

2013
250 cases

VINEYARD	<i>To Kalon</i>
VARIETAL	<i>Cab. Sauv.</i>
APPELLATION	<i>Oakville</i>
HARVEST DATE	<i>October 14</i>
BRIX	<i>28.7</i>

Kirk Venge's Notes

Winemakers from around the Napa Valley agreed the 2013 vintage held exceptional promise and potential and has exceeded expectations ~ another year that has been described as “nearly perfect.” Our 2013 To Kalon from the 2013 vintage is a wonderful example as it displays explosive classic cabernet notes of dried cherries, black currants, and cassis. Followed by subtle undertones of sweet tobacco and cedar box. The rich and smooth palate is laden with intricate layers of black cherry, bramble berry, dark cocoa and espresso bean.

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Crafting the Beckstoffer To Kalon Cabernet Sauvignon

Philosophy

To Kalon has become synonymous with world class wine. This historic vineyard is found in Oakville and is owned by Andy Beckstoffer who has carved his reputation upon his appreciation for meticulous farming and movement toward sustainability. Originally planted in 1868 by Napa pioneer Hamilton Crabb this vineyard was purchased by Beaulieu Vineyards in 1940 who then sold in 1993 to Beckstoffer. The vineyard was replanted from 1994-1997 utilizing modern trellising and closer vine spacing.

Harvest

The To Kalon vineyard is given time for the fruit on vine to reach its optimum level of ripeness of both flavor and brix (measured sugar concentration). We carefully hand harvest in the cool hours of the early morning into .5-ton macro bin boxes.

Winemaking

Carefully de-stemmed and berry sorted, the grapes are given a 5-day cold soaking prior to the onset of fermentation. Total maceration time, including fermentation, averages 25 days. Each vineyard lot is fermented and barrel aged separately and we watch to learn how each specific terroir might contribute to the character of the final blend. Once the individual lots strike the right balance of flavor and tannin, we engage in meticulous blending sessions. Here, we try different combinations of the individual lots. After the final blend is determined, the wines are gently “racked” together and aged an additional 12 months in new French oak for a total of 26 months in barrel.

Results

- ~ 2013 To Kalon was bottled on December 18, 2015
- ~ Final wine values are 14.9% alcohol; 0.66g/100mL Titratable Acidity and 3.78 pH
- ~ Unfined and unfinished