



TOR WINES	2013	CHARDONNAY HUDSON VYD.	CARNEROS/NAPA	(\$60.00)	WHITE	94
TOR WINES	2013	CHARDONNAY DURELL VYD.	SONOMA COAST	(\$60.00)	WHITE	95
TOR WINES	2013	CHARDONNAY HYDE VYD.	NAPA	(\$60.00)	WHITE	95
TOR WINES	2013	CHARDONNAY TORCHIANA BERESINI VYD.	NAPA	(\$60.00)	WHITE	96
TOR WINES	2014	CHARDONNAY HYDE VYD.	NAPA (not yet determined)		WHITE	92+
TOR WINES	2014	CHARDONNAY TORCHIANA BERESINI VYD.	NAPA (not yet determined)		WHITE	94
TOR WINES	2014	CHARDONNAY DURELL VYD.	SONOMA COAST (not yet determined)		WHITE	94
TOR WINES	2014	CHARDONNAY RESERVE CUVÉE SUSAN	NAPA (not yet determined)		WHITE	96
TOR WINES	2013	CABERNET SAUVIGNON TIERRA ROJA	OAKVILLE	(\$150.00)	RED	95+
TOR WINES	2013	CABERNET SAUVIGNON MELANSON VYD.	PRITCHARD HILL	(\$200.00)	RED	95
TOR WINES	2013	CABERNET SAUVIGNON CIMAROSSA VYD.	HOWELL MTN.	(\$150.00)	RED	94+
TOR WINES	2013	CABERNET SAUVIGNON BECKSTOFFER TO KALON VYD.	OAKVILLE	(\$175.00)	RED	96
TOR WINES	2013	BLACK MAGIC PROPRIETARY RED	NAPA	(\$375.00)	RED	99
TOR WINES	2014	CABERNET SAUVIGNON HERB LAMB VYD.	NAPA	(not yet released)	RED	(91-93)
TOR WINES	2014	CABERNET SAUVIGNON TIERRA ROJA	OAKVILLE	(not yet released)	RED	(93-95)
TOR WINES	2014	CABERNET SAUVIGNON MELANSON VYD.	PRITCHARD HILL	(not yet released)	RED	(91-94)
TOR WINES	2014	CABERNET SAUVIGNON CIMAROSSA VYD.	HOWELL MTN.	(not yet released)	RED	(92-94+)
TOR WINES	2014	CABERNET SAUVIGNON BECKSTOFFER TO KALON VYD.	OAKVILLE	(not yet released)	RED	(94-96)
TOR WINES	2014	BLACK MAGIC PROPRIETARY RED	NAPA	(not yet released)	RED	(95-97)

Tor Kenward has put together an impressive portfolio of wines, slowly increasing the number of single-vineyard offerings. His stuff is exciting, which is not all that surprising, given his long-time experience working at Beringer as well as his rich wine-tasting experience over multiple decades.

The 2013 Chardonnays are absolutely brilliant. Almost all of them are made from heritage California clones such as Old Wente (known for its tiny berries and small yields). The 2013 Chardonnay Hudson Vineyard (from a site Tor Kenward shares with John Kongsgaard) displays loads of tropical pineapple, honeyed pear and white currant as well as a delicate whiff of smoky oak. It has a luscious, full-bodied texture, and terrific acidity and precision. Drink it over the next 5-7 years. The 2013 Chardonnay Durell Vineyard has plenty of buttered pineapple and honeysuckle, but more minerality than the Hudson Vineyard. The wet, pebbly, steely character of this wine reminds me somewhat of a New World version of a *grand cru* from Burgundy such as Chevalier-Montrachet. The light straw color, intensity and full-bodied richness are all very impressive, and this wine seems capable of aging for 5-7 years. Another stunning effort from Tor Kenward is his 2013 Chardonnay Hyde Vineyard. This is an exciting wine from rocky, stony soils, which gives it that liquid minerality where you can almost taste the pebbles and stones. Crisp acidity, notes of orange blossom, caramelized citrus, honeysuckle and a touch of brioche are all present in the full-bodied, beautifully crisp and steely style of Chardonnay, with the wood pushed far into the background. Drink it over the next 4-7 years. Another profound effort from Tor Kenward is the 2013 Chardonnay Torchiana Beresini Vineyard, from some of the oldest Chardonnay vines in Northern California (now 30+ years of age). This dry-farmed, three-acre vineyard has produced a prodigious Chardonnay with notes of poached pear, honeyed tropical fruits, caramelized citrus, marmalade and subtle, spicy, smoky wood in a full-bodied, stunningly rich, concentrated style.

The 2014 Chardonnay Hyde Vineyard displays oodles of tropical pineapple, mango and honeysuckle in a rich, medium to full-bodied, crisp, zesty style. Anticipated maturity: now-2019. The 2014 Chardonnay Torchiana Beresini Vineyard again shows the caramelized citrus, crushed rock, and liquid minerality that makes this such an intriguing wine. It is full-bodied, dense, and a top-notch success in this vintage. Drink it over the next 5-6 years. As for the 2014 Chardonnay Durell Vineyard, again, orange blossoms, wet pebbles, honeyed pears and citrus are all present in this full-bodied, rich Chardonnay, where the oak is a minor component. It can be drunk over the next 5-7 years. For the first time ever, Tor Kenward made a Chardonnay Reserve Cuvée Susan in 2014. This was a selection of the best barrels from all this different lots. This wine displays plenty of orange blossom, pineapple, caramelized citrus, lemon oil, and subtle oak. It is full-bodied, rich and potentially very complex and long-lived. Anticipated maturity: 2016-2023.

The 2013 Tor Cabernet Sauvignons are the best he has released to date. I thought he hit home runs with many of his 2012s, but he has exceeded those efforts with his 2013 grouping. The 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Tierra Roja Vineyard comes from a four-acre vineyard just below the Dalla Valle estate in the Vaca hillsides of the Oakville corridor where the red soils dominate. This wine is a beauty, showing loads of cedar wood, licorice and dusty, loamy underbrush notes along with oodles of blackberry and cassis fruit. Its beautiful purity, full-bodied mouthfeel, and majestic texture and length all suggest a brilliant future of 15-25 years for this offering. The 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Melanson Vineyard comes from

very rocky soils high on Pritchard Hill directly above Colgin's IX Estate. It is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from clone 7. Classic Cabernet notes of tobacco leaf, *crème de cassis*, blackberry, licorice, camphor and charcoal are all present in the opulent, full-bodied, multi-dimensional wine. This is another stunner from Tor Kenward, who seems to have the Midas touch and insider knowledge to access some incredible *terroirs* for his wines. This should drink well for at least 25+ years. Slightly more tannic, with mulberry, graphite, and floral notes, the dense purple 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Cimarossa Vineyard comes from high on Howell Mountain (about 2000-foot elevation), a site Tor Kenward certainly knows it well, as fruit from this vineyard often went into the Beringer Private Reserve program. This big, full-bodied, structured wine needs another 3-4 years of cellaring and should last 25 or more years. The 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard, of course, comes from that great first-growth vineyard, and what's not to like, as everyone seems to nail a classic Cabernet from this large holding on the Valley floor in Oakville. Deep purple, with notes of creosote, charcoal, blueberry and blackcurrant fruit as well as some licorice and background oak, this wine has great intensity, a magnificent mouthfeel and texture, and a long, long finish. The virtually perfect, 150-case cuvée of 2013 Black Magic is a selection of obviously what Tor Kenward thought were the best lots of wine in his entire cellar. The wine is heavily dominated by Beckstoffer To Kalon fruit, given the *crème de cassis*, licorice, cedar wood and lead pencil shavings that come across like a first-growth Pauillac. The wine has fabulous texture, a full-bodied mouthfeel, stunning purity, and almost unreal depth and length of close to a minute. This is as close to perfection as it gets, and I'm not sure it doesn't merit a three-digit score, as it might with another 1-2 years of bottle age. Kudos to Tor for this profound effort, which should age effortlessly for 30 or more years.

2014 continues the string of amazing vintages Napa had. The 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Herb Lamb Vineyard, which comes from the old top of the vineyard site where Ann Colgin used to buy fruit, shows *crème de cassis* notes, some bay and tobacco leaf notes, a medium to full-bodied mouthfeel, excellent ripeness, and lots of fruit. It should drink well early and last for 15-20 or more years. Slightly richer and more black-fruited, with licorice and camphor, the 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Tierra Roja Vineyard from Oakville has gorgeous, front-end-loaded black fruits, serious depth, and a creamy opulence. It will drink well for 15 or so years. The 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Melanson Vineyard from Pritchard Hill is another beauty. Although soft, it is juicy, succulent, precocious and seemingly evolved. This is a sexy beast for sure, and will be delicious when bottled and released. I'm not sure it's going to make old bones, but it will last for 15 or more years. The Howell Mountain cuvée, the 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Cimarossa Vineyard, displays mulberry, floral notes, forest floor, and plenty of black fruits in a medium to full-bodied, again very soft, ripe, juicy style. The two greatest wines of Tor Kenward's 2014s include the 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To Kalon, which offers fabulous intensity, a full-bodied mouthfeel, and a terrific nose of *crème de cassis*, cedar wood, lead pencil, tobacco leaf, and dusty, loamy soil notes. This rich wine has surprising grip, structure and density for a 2014 and should drink well for 25 years. Tor hit a home run again with his magnificent 2014 Black Magic. I assume this is again dominated by Beckstoffer grapes, as it shows blackberry and blueberry fruit as well as some floral notes intermixed with unsmoked cigar tobacco, licorice, and Christmas fruitcake. Full-bodied and powerful, it is a stunner. Look for it to drink well for 25 or more years, which is atypically long in the case of these 2014s. Tel. (707) 963-3100; [www.torwines.com](http://www.torwines.com)