

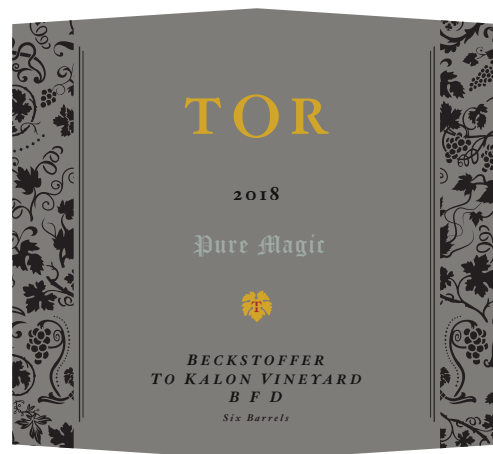
# TOR

N A P A V A L L E Y

*PURE MAGIC*  
BECKSTOFFER TO KALON  
2018

**TOR'S NOTE** The TOR house is built and stands on the foundation of single vineyard Cabernet Sauvignons from very special blocks in what some consider First Growth or Premier Cru Napa Valley sites. To us this is hallowed land, and in the case of Beckstoffer To Kalon and Vine Hill Ranch, land that has a long history of extraordinary wines. In To Kalon we work with five blocks of Cabernet Sauvignon and two blocks of Cabernet Franc. In Vine Hill Ranch three blocks of Cabernet Sauvignon and one block of Petit Verdot. In 2016 we experimented with co-fermenting the Petit Verdot with the Cabernet from VHR. This is a very risky and daring experiment that blew us out of the water. If you've never exited the water in this fashion it is very exhilarating, so much so, we did it again with the Cabernet and the Franc from To Kalon. It is hard to explain how two completely different personalities merge during the process of fermentation to become such a ONE. We've blended them in the past after fermentation, with completely different results. The only explanation we're working with now is it has to be PURE MAGIC. Nothing else makes sense. Because of very little is made, bottles of Pure Magic disappear right before our eyes. Poof!

We believe in Magic.



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**WINEMAKING** This is usually one of the prettiest wines in tank. The co-ferment of the Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon really make it more aromatic during fermentation. This wine aged in mostly Darnajou with a little Taransaud as Cabernet Franc tends to show beautifully when aged in Darnajou.

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**WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES** Only the 2nd time we have ever made this blend, the first time was in 2015. This is a blend of all three of our Cabernet blocks in To Kalon- B Block, F Block and D Block so is a true expression of the To Kalon vineyard as opposed to a block within the vineyard. The co-fermentation on this wine shifted the flavor profile to more of a graphite/mineral driven wine than the 2018 To Kalon Cabernet while still showing the tremendous dark fruit profile and complexity of this site in 2018.

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**VINTAGE** 2018 was a very long and overall cool vintage which aided its longevity and hang time. The grape set was under ideal conditions in the Spring, and the clusters on average were larger than normal, full, and picture perfect. Hollywood clusters, show offs; a beautiful and large set. We thinned (dropped fruit) more radically than we did in 2017 and 2016, one cluster per shoot in To Kalon. Still, by harvest it was on average a good 10 to 15% more than we had initially anticipated. Long, long hang time, picture perfect clusters, no real heat spikes, and an even and long picking season.

CASES PRODUCED: 125

RETAIL BOTTLE PRICE: \$275

