



TOR WINES	2013 CABERNET SAUVIGNON BECKSTOFFER TO KALON VYD.	OAKVILLE	(not yet released)	RED	(94-96)
TOR WINES	2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON BECKSTOFFER TO KALON VYD.	OAKVILLE	(\$150.00)	RED	96
TOR WINES	2013 CABERNET SAUVIGNON CIMAROSSA VYD.	HOWELL MTN.	(not yet released)	RED	(95-97)
TOR WINES	2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON CIMAROSSA VYD.	HOWELL MTN.	(\$125.00)	RED	97
TOR WINES	2013 CABERNET SAUVIGNON MELANSON VYD.	PRITCHARD HILL	(not yet released)	RED	(98-100)
TOR WINES	2013 CABERNET SAUVIGNON TIERRA ROJA VYD.	OAKVILLE	(not yet released)	RED	(92-94)
TOR WINES	2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON TIERRA ROJA VYD.	OAKVILLE	(\$150.00)	RED	95
TOR WINES	2013 CHARDONNAY DURELL VYD.	SONOMA	(\$60.00)	WHITE	(91-93)
TOR WINES	2013 CHARDONNAY HUDSON VYD.	NAPA	(\$60.00)	WHITE	(90-92)
TOR WINES	2013 CHARDONNAY HYDE VYD.	NAPA	(not yet released)	WHITE	(91-94)
TOR WINES	2013 CHARDONNAY TORCHIANA BERESINI VYD.	NAPA	(\$60.00)	WHITE	(94-96)
TOR WINES	2012 CHARDONNAY TORCHIANA BERESINI VYD.	NAPA	(\$60.00)	WHITE	95
TOR WINES	2013 PROPRIETARY RED BECKSTOFFER TO KALON VYD.	OAKVILLE	(not yet released)	RED	(92-94)
TOR WINES	2012 PROPRIETARY RED BECKSTOFFER TO KALON VYD.	OAKVILLE	(\$150.00)	RED	95
TOR WINES	2013 PROPRIETARY RED BLACK MAGIC	NAPA	(not yet released)	RED	(98-100)
TOR WINES	2013 SYRAH LA HERRADURA	CONN VALLEY	(\$54.00)	RED	(92-94)
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Tor Kenward continues to turn out a portfolio of wines with sensational quality. He has decades of experience with some of the finest winemakers and vineyard sites in Napa and Sonoma. That thorough knowledge and expertise is admirably displayed in the following wines. This may be his best overall performance to date, although his 2011s were very successful for the vintage, and he produced many great 2010s as well.

Tor Kenward utilizes highly regarded vineyards generally planted with low-yielding Old Wente clones. Rumors have always suggested these clones came from Corton-Charlemagne in Burgundy many decades ago. My favorite of the 2012s is the **2012 Chardonnay Torchiana Beresini Vineyard**, which ratchets up the level of intensity. It offers a sumptuous perfume of mango, pineapple, orange blossom and white currants as well as fabulous fruit, a medium to full-bodied mouthfeel, good penetrating acidity that provides terrific focus, and a rich, long finish. Drink this sensational Chardonnay over the next 7-8 years.

The **2013 Chardonnay Hudson Vineyard** reveals more stony minerality than the 2012. Crisp honeysuckle, tangerine and caramelized citrus notes intermixed with a hint of apple skins are found in this elegant, medium to full-bodied 2013 along with zesty acids and super purity. Drink now-2018. The **2013 Chardonnay Durell Vineyard** exhibits a Chablis-like character along with notes of wet rocks, sweet white corn, white peaches and honeysuckle. Medium to full-bodied and well-delineated, it should drink well for 3-5 years. The **2013 Chardonnay Hyde Vineyard** offers an exotic, mango, pineapple and other tropical fruit-scented bouquet, good acidity, a steely backbone, a fresh, full-bodied mouthfeel and terrific palate presence as well as freshness. Drink now-2018. Once again, the *tour de force* of Tor's Chardonnays is the **2013 Chardonnay Torchiana Beresini Vineyard**. A light straw color with a greenish hue is followed by excellent notes of tangerines, apricots, peaches and a judicious touch of vanilla. Full-bodied, rich and layered but never heavy or ponderous, it should drink well for 4-6 years.

From the hillsides of Conn Valley, the **2012 Syrah La Herradura** exhibits lots of lavender, blackberry, roasted meat and *bouquet garni* characteristics. Full-bodied, rich, earthy, peppery and spicy, it should drink well for 7-8 years. The **2013 Syrah La Herradura** is also superb. Its opaque purple color is accompanied by notes of blueberry and blackberry liqueur, camphor and white flowers. Not as spicy and meaty as the 2012, it relies on its vivid purity of fruit and full-bodied texture for early appeal. It should drink well for 7-10 years, possibly longer.

Tor's 2012 Cabernet Sauvignons are spectacular. The **2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Tierra Roja Vineyard** comes from a 4-acre Oakville parcel situated below the Dalla Valle vineyards in the eastern Vaca foothills. It exhibits an opaque purple color along with a gorgeous nose of loamy soil minerality interwoven with blackberry and *crème de cassis* fruit. Full-bodied with terrific richness and opulence, this is a great example from the tenderloin sector of Napa Valley. It should drink well young, yet last for 20-25 years. The spectacular **2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Cimarossa Vineyard** has exceeded my enthusiastic notes of last year. Its dense purple color is accompanied by notes of mulberries, spring flowers, toast, wet rocks, cassis and blackberries. With great intensity, a full-bodied, dramatic, voluptuous texture, superb purity and a fabulously long finish of 45-50 seconds, it should drink well for two

decades. An amazing effort, the opaque ruby/purple-toned **2012 Proprietary Red Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard** is a blend of 53% Cabernet Sauvignon and 47% Cabernet Franc. It reveals the forest floor/floral character offered by Cabernet Franc along with black raspberries, blueberries and camphor. Relatively light on its feet, this is a sensational, complex red that should gain in nuance over the next 10-15 years. One of my highest ratings goes to the **2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard**. Super sweet notes of white chocolate, *crème de cassis*, lead pencil shavings, licorice and cedarwood along with baking spices soar from the glass of this first-growth look-alike from Tor Kenward. Everyone who uses this fabulous vineyard seems to create something extra special. With superb intensity, a full-bodied mouthfeel and incredible purity, texture and depth, this classic from Napa should drink well for 20-25 years.

Tor has nailed the 2013 vintage as he has produced two wines that push perfection, and several others that merit scores in the high nineties. The **2013 Proprietary Red Black Magic** is a 300-case cuvee of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon from the To Kalon Vineyard. Amazing amounts of blackberry and cassis fruit intermixed with notes of spring flowers, restrained oak, cedarwood, lead pencil shavings and forest floor emerge from this full-bodied, opulent, fabulous 2013. Drink it over the next two decades. Another potentially perfect wine is the **2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Melanson Vineyard** from Pritchard Hill. I tasted a number of brilliant wines from this source during my two-and-a-half week sojourn in Napa Valley, and this one offers fabulous intensity, a dense purple color and notes of black raspberries, blackberries, cassis and spring flowers. This full-bodied, compelling, flawless Cabernet offers an enormous quantity of fruit, focus and potential longevity. It has at least 20 years of life ahead of it. The **2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Cimarossa Vineyard** should equal the brilliance of the 2012. Notes of mulberries, wet rocks, spring flowers and blue and black fruits cascade from the aromatic and flavor profiles of this full-bodied, fabulous wine. Drink 2018-2035+. The same can be said for the **2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard**. But what's new? In the hands of talented craftspeople, this vineyard produces an amazing Cabernet Sauvignon offering notes of high quality unsmoked cigar tobacco, licorice, blackberry and blackcurrant fruit, fabulous intensity, no hard edges, sweet tannin and a multidimensional, skyscraper-like, full-bodied personality. Drink 2018-2040. A wine to keep an eye out for, as I'm sure it is going to grow in weight and develop more aromatics, is the **2013 Proprietary Red Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard** (91% Cabernet Franc). Intense forest floor notes intermixed with black cherry, blackcurrant and raspberry fruit as well as spring flowers are followed by a full-bodied wine displaying a hint of Asian spice. A medium to full-bodied mouthfeel is never heavy or tiring. Drink 2015-2030. Another wow wine is the full-bodied **2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Tierra Roja Vineyard**. Its opaque purple color is followed by aromas of burning embers, charcoal, blackcurrants and loamy soil. Primarily Cabernet Sauvignon with a tiny dollop of Petit Verdot, this fabulous effort is slightly more backward and primary than some of its peers, but it is locked and loaded. Drink 2017-2035.

Kudos to Tor Kenward who is pushing the envelope in a dramatic and brilliant manner! Tel. (707) 963-3100.