



TOR WINES	2011	CABERNET SAUVIGNON	NAPA	(\$80.00)	RED (89-91)
TOR WINES	2012	CABERNET SAUVIGNON BECKSTOFFER TO KALON VYD.	OAKVILLE	(not yet released)	RED (95-98)
TOR WINES	2010	CAB. SAUV. BECKSTOFFER TO KALON VYD. ANNIV. CUVÉE	OAKVILLE	(\$150.00)	RED 96
TOR WINES	2010	CAB. SAUV. BECKSTOFFER TO KALON VYD. CLONE 337	OAKVILLE	(\$350; magnum only)	RED 96+
TOR WINES	2012	CABERNET SAUVIGNON CIMAROSSA VYD.	HOWELL MTN.	(not yet released)	RED (93-96)
TOR WINES	2011	CABERNET SAUVIGNON CIMAROSSA VYD.	HOWELL MTN.	(not yet released)	RED (94-96)
TOR WINES	2012	CABERNET SAUVIGNON TIERRA ROJA VYD.	OAKVILLE	(not yet released)	RED (94-96)
TOR WINES	2011	CABERNET SAUVIGNON TIERRA ROJA VYD.	OAKVILLE	(\$125.00)	RED (91-93)
TOR WINES	2010	CABERNET SAUVIGNON TIERRA ROJA VYD.	OAKVILLE	(\$125.00)	RED 95
TOR WINES	2012	CHARDONNAY DURELL VYD.	NAPA	(not yet released)	WHITE (92-94)
TOR WINES	2012	CHARDONNAY HUDSON VYD.	NAPA	(\$60.00)	WHITE (91-93)
TOR WINES	2012	CHARDONNAY TORCHIANA BERESINI VYD.	NAPA	(\$60.00)	WHITE (93-95)
TOR WINES	2012	PROPRIETARY RED BECKSTOFFER TO KALON VYD.	OAKVILLE	(not yet released)	RED (94-97)
TOR WINES	2011	PROPRIETARY RED BECKSTOFFER TO KALON VYD.	OAKVILLE	(\$150.00)	RED (91-94)
TOR WINES	2010	SYRAH HOMMAGE ALLAN HUDSON VYD.	NAPA	(\$44.00)	RED 95
TOR WINES	2012	SYRAH LA HERRADURA	CONN VALLEY	(not yet released)	RED (95-97)

Tor Kenward continues to build an impressive portfolio of fascinating wines that reflect his love of Napa Valley and his own personal preference for complex wines. Incidentally, he has one of the great wine collections of Napa and he is one of those true connoisseurs who is happy to share his best bottles. The **2012 Chardonnay Hudson Vineyard** comes across like a Meursault premier cru. Light gold-colored with plenty of honeysuckle, tropical fruit and a buttery undertone, this full-bodied Chardonnay possesses good acidity as well as freshness. From a high elevation hillside site, the classy, full-bodied **2012 Chardonnay Durell Vineyard** reveals plenty of honeyed lemon rind and orange blossom notes as well as a creamy richness with unmistakable wet stone/mineral characteristics. The **2012 Chardonnay Torchiana Beresini Vineyard** is a wine of extraordinary intensity made from another Old Wente clone. It exhibits copious aromas of honeyed citrus, orange marmalade, crushed rocks, white currants and spring flowers. This terrific world class Chardonnay combines the focus and precision of a great white Burgundy with the opulence and ripe fruit of California.

The red wines start with a super **2010 Syrah Hommage Allan Hudson Vineyard**. For its quality, this is a great value. From Lee Hudson's Vineyard, Tor used 30% whole clusters and believes 2010 is the best vintage for Syrah that he has seen since 2006. It offers a peppery, meaty perfume displaying hints of *bouquet garni*, charcoal, incense, blackberries, cassis and a touch of black olives. Supple and sexy, this northern Rhone-like Syrah is richer, more intense and voluptuous than a French Rhone. Enjoy it over the next 7-8 years. Another magnificent offering is the **2012 Syrah La Herradura**, which comes from a Conn Valley hillside vineyard. This spectacular Syrah displays notes of burning embers, charcoal, pepper, charcuterie, tapenade and copious quantities of blackberries and chocolate. Full-bodied and opulent, this head-turning beauty should drink well for a decade.

Tasting through three vintages of Tor's Cabernet Sauvignons left me with the impression that this winery continues to go from strength to strength. The **2010 Cabernet Sauvignon Tierra Roja Vineyard** (a 4-acre Oakville parcel situated directly below the Dalla Valle vineyards) is a backward, full-bodied, tannic wine boasting an inky/purple color as well as a big, sweet nose of loamy soil, wet rocks, red and black currants, blueberries and incense. Ripe, full-bodied and built for the long haul, this wine should be forgotten for 3-4 years and drunk over the following 20+ years. Not surprisingly, the **2010 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard Anniversary Cuvée** is fashioned from equal parts clone 337 and clone 6. This was the tenth vintage in which Tor worked with winemaker Jeff Ames. This 100% Cabernet Sauvignon is spectacular. Aromas of blueberries, *crème de cassis*, incense, charcoal, graphite and spring flowers make for a majestic set of aromatics. Moreover, the wine hits the palate with full-bodied power, silky tannins, layers of fruit and richness and a 45-50-second finish. It can be enjoyed now for its more primary notes, but ten years of cellaring will provide further nuances, and it will keep for 30 or more years. Another winner is the **2010 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard Clone 337**, which is only available in magnum (50 cases). As Tor Kenward says, it is the "big boy" of the vintage.

That's somewhat of an understatement as this is a broodingly backward, full throttle, pedal-to-the-metal Cabernet Sauvignon with lots of blackberry, cassis, blueberry, spring flower and toasty oak notes. Undeniably a great classic Napa Cabernet Sauvignon, it will require patience by anyone lucky enough to latch onto a magnum or two.

The **2011 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa** appears even stronger than the 2010...and that's saying something. Production was much smaller for this blend of fruit from the Mast Vineyard (70%), Cimarossa (22%) and To Kalon (8%). It exhibits notes of creamy berry fruit, lead pencil shavings and spice box as well as a round, generous, medium-bodied mouthfeel with supple tannins and low acidity. The **2011 Cabernet Sauvignon Tierra Roja Vineyard** (150 cases produced versus twice that much in 2010) is made in a lighter, easygoing, consumer-friendly style with lots of black currant, *bouquet garni* and tobacco leaf characteristics, medium body, outstanding ripeness as the alcohols are relatively elevated, soft tannins and low acidity. This will be an endearing 2011 to enjoy over the next 7-8 years. The fabulous **2011 Cabernet Sauvignon Cimarossa Vineyard** offers additional evidence of how brilliant this vintage turned out on this high elevation, mountain AVA. Tor told me the crop reached perfect ripeness on Howell Mountain, and the result is a wine of great intensity and lots of mulberry, blackberry and violet-infused notes intermixed with a hint of graphite, a full-bodied richness and a layered mouthfeel. One of the stars of the vintage, this beauty should be consumed over the next 15+ years. The **2011 Proprietary Red Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard** is a blend of 75% Cabernet Sauvignon and 25% Cabernet Franc made from minuscule yields because of the rain and subsequent sorting that had to be done in order to obtain only untainted fruit. Abundant notes of barbecue, forest floor, menthol and blue and black fruits are found in this soft, round 2011. It is ideal for drinking now and over the next 5-6 years.

The sensational **2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Tierra Roja Vineyard** is a full throttle, rich, concentrated yet open and accessible Cabernet Sauvignon that offers up notes of loamy soil, licorice, cedar wood, unsmoked cigar tobacco, blackberries and cassis. Full-bodied, opulent and made in the exuberant, boisterous style of 2012, it should drink well for 20 years. The **2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Cimarossa Vineyard** was fashioned from a relatively small crop for this vintage. It exhibits a super minerality and an austere Bordeaux-like structure, but explosive fruit unfolds on the palate of this full-bodied, rich Cabernet. An utterly profound wine, the **2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard** is a dead-ringer for a first-growth Pauillac. Notes of licorice, graphite, *crème de cassis*, melon and spring flowers emerge from this ripe, long, full-bodied 2012. Bursting with potential, it is much more open and forward than most To Kalon wines tend to be at this stage of development, it has everything one could want in a classic Napa Cabernet. An equal part blend of Cabernet Franc and Cabernet Sauvignon, the **2012 Proprietary Red Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard** should turn out to be spectacular. Beautiful aromas of blueberries, black raspberries, *bouquet garni*, licorice and truffles soar from the glass of this inky purple-colored wine. Full-bodied as well as ethereal, it is a great example of how Cabernet Franc can add so much complexity and richness to a blend.