

TOR Proprietary Red 'Black Magic' 2016

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The 2016 Black Magic is even more impressive from bottle than it was from barrel just a few months ago. This simply brilliant wine is for the first time composed of Cabernet Sauvignon which was co-fermented with Petit Verdot. Tor and winemaker Jeff Ames only produce Black Magic in vintages when they see something very special, and that is certainly the case with this sensational release. This immediately begins to impress with its seductive aromatics of ripe black and blue fruit, which come together with fresh violets, graphite, sweet spices and a wonderful mix of savory and dark chocolate nuances adding even more complexity. Showing remarkable purity and concentration, this full-bodied red possesses remarkable depth and weight on the palate making it nearly impossible to resist. Rich, voluptuous and multidimensional, this continues to envelop the palate with its beautifully pure, ripe dark fruits that come together with sweet spices, mocha and graphite flavors that cascade on to the long, opulent finish. While already absolutely fascinating in its youth, the 2016 Black Magic also has the potential to evolve gracefully for decades to come. Overall, this is a perfect example of a Napa Valley wine, and one of the most compelling wines ever from Tor. - *November, 2018 (J. D'Angelo)*

TOR Cabernet Sauvignon, Beckstoffer To Kalon 2016

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The 2016 Beckstoffer To Kalon Cabernet Sauvignon is an absolutely monumental showing from Tor in this outstanding vintage. Tor has fermented all his 337 Clone Cabernet from his rows located in the back of To Kalon into this wine, and used a mix of Darnajou and Taransaud barrels for aging. The result is one of Tor's finest examples of Cabernet Sauvignon from this esteemed vineyard. It immediately bursts open with expressive aromatics of beautiful ripe blackberries and dark red currents, which are accompanied by pencil shavings, sweet Asian spices and spring florals with underlying hints of loam and cocoa bean all coming together. On the palate this is even more impressive, as this full-bodied, voluptuous and impeccably polished Cabernet displays remarkable overall depth and concentration. Enveloping layers of perfectly ripe dark fruits combine together with nuanced flavors of graphite, spices, cocoa and even some hints of espresso bean all coming into play as this continues to constantly evolve in the glass. The 2016 is already showing exceedingly well and is nothing short of utterly captivating in its youth, however it should also go on to have a brilliant future for many years to come. This is an absolute gem from Tor and winemaker Jeff Ames. - *November, 2018 (J. D'Angelo)*

TOR Cabernet Sauvignon, Cimarossa Vineyard 2016

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The 2016 Cimarossa Cabernet Sauvignon is a total knockout, and may be Tor's most compelling wine yet from this Howell Mountain vineyard. It instantly grabs your attention with its incredibly complex range of aromatics that include ripe blackberries and dark currants, which are woven together with smoldering earth, tobacco, spring florals, pencil shavings, sweet Asian spices, and hints of savory mountain herbs all coming together in the glass. This continues to impress with its beautifully polished tannins, in combination with remarkably concentrated ripe dark fruits that deeply penetrate the palate. Impeccably structured and balanced, this hits on every note all the way through the long finish, which leaves behind wonderful flavors of spices, graphite, dusty minerals and sweet ripe dark fruits lingering on and on. Tor and Winemaker Jeff Ames have completely hit nailed it with this stunning Cabernet, and while it is already nearly impossible to resist, there is no doubt this will go on to age gracefully for many years to come. - *November, 2018 (J. D'Angelo)*

TOR Cabernet Sauvignon, Melanson Vineyard 2016

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Melanson Vineyard is a 10.5-acre vineyard which is planted to Clone 7 and Clone 337 Cabernet Sauvignon on the rugged slopes of Pritchard Hill above Lake Hennessy. While it is surrounded by some of Napa's most iconic wineries, Melanson Vineyard certainly stands out on its own, and is a vineyard that readers should become very familiar with, if not already. The 2016 Cabernet from Tor is an absolutely sensational showing from this site. As it begins to open, it slowly reveals its wonderful characteristics, layer at a time, starting with seductive aromatics of ripe blackberries, red currants and even some blueberries that combine with violets, pencil shavings, dusty leather, exotic spices and the slightest hint of smoldering earth. On the palate this is full-bodied and beautifully concentrated, with powerful, yet well integrated tannins. It continues to impress with its remarkable depth and persistence, as waves of ripe dark fruits, graphite and bittersweet dark chocolate leave a lasting impression on the long, polished finish. Displaying outstanding structure and precision, this is a remarkable example of winemaking, and the result speaks for itself. The 2016's from Tor have all been utterly fascinating, and the Melanson Vineyard Cabernet is no exception. While this exceptionally crafted Cabernet may require the most bottle age of all 2016 releases from Tor, there is certainly no doubt it will go on to have an absolutely brilliant future. - *November, 2018 (J. D'Angelo)*

TOR Cabernet Sauvignon, Tierra Roja Vineyard 2016

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Year after year this is an amazing Cabernet from Tor that consistently impresses, and there is no exception in this excellent vintage. The 2016 was sourced from the lower block of this outstanding, and distinctive Oakville property, with its distinctive red tinged soils. The wine was aged in new Taransaud barrels and fermentation was 10-days over what Tor and winemaker Jeff Ames consider to be typical for this vineyard. The result is a simply magnificent wine, which begins with striking aromatics of ripe black currants and crème de cassis followed by sweet spices, florals, pencil shavings along with hints of loam and mocha all taking shape and soaring from the glass. This is full-bodied and beautifully layered, with a gorgeous plush texture and dense core of ripe dark fruit flavors that continue to build and expand across the palate. It continues to impress with its remarkable concentration and depth, along with its voluptuous mouthfeel, which is irresistible as it persists through the long, opulent finish. This is yet another stunning wine from Tor in this vintage and while it is already showing remarkably well, it should also have a wonderful evolution ahead.. - *November, 2018 (J. D'Angelo)*

TOR Cabernet Sauvignon 'Oakville Hillside' 2016

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The 2016 Oakville Hillside Cabernet Sauvignon is an absolute gem in this vintage. The Cabernet Sauvignon was sourced from the upper block of Tierra Roja, and is blended with a touch of Cabernet Franc from To Kalon. It begins with absolutely gorgeous aromatics of ripe blackberries and crème de cassis, along with spring florals, loam, sweet spices, mocha, graphite and dusty minerals which all take shape. On the palate this is full-bodied and beautifully textured, with polished tannins that are nicely integrated resulting in a gorgeous seamless quality. It continues to impress with its remarkable balance, concentration and complexity through the long velvety finish. Overall, this is a total beauty of a wine that is already showing remarkably well. - *November, 2018 (J. D'Angelo)*