

I was absolutely blown away by the wines I tasted this year from Tor Kenward and winemaker Jeff Ames. If I had to name the winery that has improved the most over the last decade, it would surely be Tor. Ten years ago, the wines were good, but rarely truly exciting. Since then, Kenward has dramatically upped his game. Fruit sources are now much higher in quality and winemaking is state of the art. The results are obvious. Wine after wine, I was so impressed with what I tasted, especially the 2018 and 2019s Cabernet-based wines. -- Antonio Galloni, January 2021

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Vintage	Name	Tasting Notes	Score	Drinking Window
2018	TOR Cabernet Sauvignon Bestoffer to Kalon	The 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To Kalon is another riveting wine in this range. Deep and unctuous, with all of the textural richness that is such a signature of To Kalon, the 2018 is positively stunning. Even with all of its intensity, the 2018 is so regal, so nuanced. Silky tannins add to the wine's sense of total finesse. The To Kalon emerges mostly from Block F, which is at the back of the vineyard, where the wines tend to have a bit more energy and overall structure.	98	2025 - 2038
2018	TOR Cabernet Sauvignon Vine Hill Ranch	The 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Vine Hill Ranch Vineyard is positively stunning. The wine's volume and breadth captures all of the pedigree of this site. Succulent black cherry, chocolate, licorice, menthol, savory herbs, leather and spice are some of the many notes that flesh out in the glass. The 2018 is rich, heady and exotically beautiful. There is so much to discover in this breathtakingly beautiful Cabernet Sauvignon. The old-school Cabernet aromatics and structure are superb. The Tor Vine Hill Ranch emerges from Block 7.	98	2025 - 2038
2018	TOR Pure Magic Vine Hill Ranch	The 2018 Pure Magic Vine Hill Ranch Vineyard is a micro-bottling of just 150 cases, 53% Cabernet Sauvignon and 47% Petit Verdot, co-fermented. Rich, sumptuous and hedonistic, the 2018 is positively stunning from the first taste. Super-ripe red cherry, red plum, pomegranate, mocha, rose petal and spice all flesh out in the glass. Silky tannins, pliant fruit and soft curves give Pure Magic tons of appeal. The Petit Verdot at Vine Hill Ranch has always been magnificent on its own, so it is not at all surprising to see Tor Kenward and Jeff Ames craft a wine with this level of sheer pedigree. The 2018 is a total stunner. Don't miss it.	99	2025 - 2038
2018	TOR Pure Magic Beckstoffer To Kalon	The 2018 Pure Magic Beckstoffer To Kalon is a blend of roughly equal parts Cabernet Frand and Cabernet Sauvignon. It is a remarkable wine but, not surprisingly, it is also shut down and far less expressive than the straight To Kalon Cabernet because of the strong Franc component. Lavender, spice, menthol, licorice, mocha and leather are all laced together as this riveting wine opens in the glass. The 2018 is going to need at least a few years to come together, but it is captivating, even in the early going. The Pure Magic is a five barrel blend from the B, D and F blocks, which includes the oldest 337 Clone Cabernet (BlockB) and Clone 6 Cabernet, of which there is very little left (Block D).	100	2025 - 2043

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2018	TOR Black Magic	The 2018 Black Magic is an outrageously beautiful wine that captures all the best the vintage has to offer. Dark, pliant and mysterious, the Black Magic is ravishing right out of the bottle. Black cherry, chocolate, licorice, spice, espresso infuse the 2018 with tremendous character. Most of this fruit is sourced from choice blocks at Vine Hill Ranch, with a dollop of fruit from another highly regarded site blended in for complexity. As for the wine itself, well it is unreal. Wow!	100	2025 - 2043
2018	TOR Cabernet Sauvignon Melanson	The 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Melanson Vineyard captures all of the riveting beauty of the vintage in this hillside site just opposite Colgin. A backbone of tannin and bright acids give the 2018 fabulous vibrancy and a real sense of energy. Crushed red berries, mocha, leather, licorice and crushed rocks all race out of the glass. The 2018 is wonderfully vivid and pure.	98	2025 - 2038