

Wine	Score
2018 TOR Black Magic	100
<p>Always a selection of the top lots in a vintage, the 2018 Black Magic is based on 80% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Petit Verdot, and the rest Cabernet Franc. It's another incredible wine from this talented team, revealing a saturated purple color and notes of blueberries, cassis, white flowers, candied violets, graphite, smoked tobacco, and chocolate. Full-bodied and powerful, yet built like high fashion with sensational elegance, it has flawless tannins, perfect balance, and a gorgeous finish that keeps you coming back to the glass.</p>	
2018 TOR Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard	99
<p>All Cabernet Sauvignon from one of the great terroirs for Cabernet in the world, the 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard reveals a vivid purple hue to go with an incredible bouquet of pure crème de cassis, white flowers, lead pencil shavings, violets, orange blossom, and flowers. A rich, full-bodied, opulent wine, it's nevertheless as classy as they come, with perfect integration of its tannins, acidity, alcohol, and oak. Power married to incredible richness, enjoy bottles any time over the coming 20-25 years.</p>	
2018 TOR Cabernet Sauvignon Melanson Vineyard	95+
<p>From a rock site on Pritchard Hill, the 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Melanson Vineyard has a killer bouquet of crushed stone, new leather, flowery incense, blackberries, and blackcurrants. Already complex and nuanced aromatically, it hits the palate with medium to full-bodied richness, a seamless, expansive texture, plenty of ripe tannins, and a great finish. Give bottles 2-4 years in the cellar and enjoy over the following two decades.</p>	
2018 TOR Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville	93
<p>Leading off the reds, the appellation 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Oakville shows the rich, concentrated style of all these 2018s from Tor. Loads of pure crème de cassis, blackberries, licorice, tobacco, and loamy soil emerge from this full-bodied, rounded, mouth-filling beauty, which has ample mid-palate depth, velvety tannins, and big finish. Enjoy bottles over the coming 10-15 years.</p>	
2018 TOR Cabernet Sauvignon Tierra Roja Vineyard	95
<p>Another Oakville Cabernet, the 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Tierra Roja Vineyard offers a spicy, complex nose of baked black cherries, plums, currants, bay leaf, sandalwood, and chocolate. This spicy, complex, savory Cabernet is full-bodied and has a wonderfully textured, seamless mouthfeel, present tannins, and a good finish. It's already a joy to drink yet is going to evolve for 20 years or more given its overall balance.</p>	

2018 TOR Cabernet Sauvignon Vine Hill Ranch

This site in Oakville has been firing on all cylinders recently, and the 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Vine Hill Ranch (100% Cabernet From the rockiest section in the vineyard) is just another example of the incredible quality from the vineyard. Inky purple, its stunning bouquet of crème de cassis, graphite, lead pencil shaving, tobacco, and gravelly earth notes give way to a full-bodied, structured wine that reminds me a great vintage of Smith Haut Lafitte with its incredible earthy minerality as well as finesse and elegance. It needs 4-5 years of bottle age and will keep for 20-30 years.

98**2018 TOR Pure Magic Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard**

The 2018 Pure Magic Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard comes all from three blocks in To Kalon and was co-fermented. I believe I reviewed this last year from barrel as the To Kalon Vineyard BFD. Thrilling and incredibly pure notes of crème de cassis, spring flowers, damp earth, graphite, and violets all emerge from the glass, and it hits the palate with an ethereal, full-bodied, flawless texture that carries silky tannins and a monster of a finish. It's not the biggest or richest wine in the lineup, but its levels of finesse, balance, and purity are off the charts. This magical wine is perfection in a glass to this reviewer. It should evolve for 25+ years.

100**2018 TOR Pure Magic Vine Hill Ranch Vineyard**

Lastly, the 2018 Pure Magic Vine Hill Ranch Vineyard is a selection from this great vineyard and checks in as 53% Cabernet and 47% Petit Verdot. As with the straight vineyard release, it reveals a vivid purple hue to go with a deep, complex nose of black and blue fruits, crushed violets, chocolate, gravelly earth, and smoked tobacco, Rich, opulent, and sweetly fruited on the palate, this is one sexy, seamless Cabernet Sauvignon that has full-bodied richness, a weightless texture, incredible finesse and purity, and a heavenly finish. It's already approachable yet is going to evolve for 20-30 years or more.

98**2018 TOR Chardonnay Beresini Vineyard Cuvee Torchiana**

Also from Carneros, there are a scant ten barrels of the 2018 Chardonnay Beresini Vineyard Cuvee Torchiana. Giving up plenty of ripe peach, Meyer lemon, toasted bread, and baking spice notes, it hits the palate with medium to full-bodied richness, nicely integrated acidity, and outstanding length on the finish. As with all of these Chardonnays from Tor, it opens up nicely with time in the glass and is impeccably put together. Enjoy bottles over the coming 7-8 years.

95**2018 TOR Chardonnay Carneros**

Moving to the three Carneros releases, the appellation 2018 Chardonnay Carneros offers a medium gold color (all of these are bottled unfinned and have a touch of haze in the color, which is not a problem in any way) to go with a rich, powerful bouquet of Meyer lemons, caramelized citrus, toast, honeycomb, and toasted nuts. I love its texture, it's medium to full-bodied, has both freshness and richness, and a great finish. It's another powerful yet balanced, impeccably made Chardonnay.

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2018 TOR Chardonnay Durell Vineyard

The only non-Carneros Chardonnay in the lineup, the 2018 Chardonnay Durell Vineyard comes from a terrific vineyard on the Sonoma Coast. This medium gold-hued beauty offers up a bouquet of buttered citrus, white peach, toasted bread, and honeysuckle. Textured and medium to full-bodied, it has subtle oak and a great finish. Enjoy this classy Chardonnay over the coming 4-6 years.

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2018 TOR Chardonnay Hyde Vineyard

From a great vineyard in Carneros, the 2018 Chardonnay Hyde Vineyard is more Burgundian with its Chassagne-Montrachet-like perfume of ripe citrus, white flowers, toasty oak, and honeysuckle. It's pure and medium to full-bodied, with a wonderful sense of balance and a great finish. My favorite in the lineup, this is just a classy, impeccably made Chardonnay that does everything right.

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