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New Releases From California

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2019 TOR Black Magic

The barrel sample of the 2019 Black Magic looks to be another heavenly wine from this team and offers both power and elegance. Revealing a dense purple color as well as massive amounts of cassis and blackberry fruits, this full-bodied 2019 has loads of chocolaty oak and graphite aromatics, a dense, layered mid-palate, sweet tannins (but lots of them), and a blockbuster of a finish. It's a classic, pedal-to-the-metal Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon that will benefit from 2-5 years of bottle age (good luck keeping your hands off bottles) and have 20-25+ of prime drinking.

RATING

97-100

TASTING DATE

April 30, 2021

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2019 TOR Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer Dr. Crane Vineyard

Awesome blue fruits, violets, tobacco, and crushed rock-like notes as well as terrific sense of flowers soar from the 2019 Beckstoffer Dr. Crane Vineyard. This full-bodied beauty has a layered, multi-dimensional texture and ripe, polished, yet substantial tannins. It shows the lively, elegant, yet concentrated style of this vintage beautifully.

RATING

97-99

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2019 TOR Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard

Monster amounts of black raspberry, cassis, and blueberry fruits as well as notes of flowery incense define the nose of the 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard, and it's pure To Kalon magic on the palate, possessing full-bodied richness, a voluptuous, layered mid-palate, and sweet tannins. Pure sex in a bottle, it's going to drink nicely right out of the gate yet have two decades (or more) of prime drinking.

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96-99

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2019 TOR Cabernet Sauvignon Melanson Vineyard

More mulberry, redcurrants, and cassis fruit as well as tobacco and flowery incense notes emerge from the 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Melanson Vineyard, a more medium to full-bodied, expressive wine with beautiful elegance as well as structure on the palate. Coming from a site high up on Pritchard Hill, it's already complex and approachable aromatically, yet there's considerable structure and tannic grip, suggesting at least 3-4 years of bottle age will be warranted.

RATING

95-97

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2019 TOR Cabernet Sauvignon Vine Hill Ranch Vineyard

Gorgeous crème de cassis, graphite, and chocolate notes dominate the bouquet of the 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Vine Hill Ranch, which comes from the rockiest portion of this site in Oakville. With full-bodied richness, a pure, elegant texture, and a powerful mid-palate, it's not far from the style of the 2018 yet might be a tad more focused and elegant. It's a beautiful wine that will benefit from bottle age.

RATING

97-99

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2019 TOR Pure Magic Vine Hill Ranch Vineyard

In comparison, the 2019 Pure Magic Vine Hill Ranch is slightly more brooding and backward aromatically, with a dense, reticent nose of beautiful blue fruits, spring flowers, violets, and graphite. This carries to a ripe, sweetly fruited, incredibly sexy 2019 with loads of texture and opulence yet a weighty, full-bodied, seamless mouthfeel. It's not as structured or tannic as the Black Magic and will be accessible relatively early on, yet it should still have two decades of prime drinking.

RATING

97-99

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