

## 2016 Tor Cabernet Sauvignon, Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard, Oakville, Napa Valley Wins Event Panel Vote at Cultured Vine's Judgement of Napa on October 6, 2021

Luxury Napa Producer is Crowned the Top Cabernet Sauvignon/Red Blend at Monumental Tasting Held on the 45th Anniversary of Stephen Spurrier's Famed Judgement of Paris

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**(St. Helena, Calif.—October 8, 2021)** – TOR Napa Valley, an iconic producer of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay, today announced that TOR's 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon, Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard, Oakville, Napa Valley won the event panel vote for top Cabernet Sauvignon/Red Blend at the October 6, 2021, Judgement of Napa, which was conceived and organized by Angela Duerr of Cultured Vine over a multi-year period.

The Judgement of Napa, held exactly 45 years after the original Judgement of Paris, when Napa Valley wines outperformed France's best wines – was a tribute to three key individuals: Steven Spurrier, organizer of the sensational 1976 Judgment of Paris; George Taber, the journalist who covered the event that unmistakably elevated the profile of California wines overnight; and Patricia

Gastaud-Gallagher, who set the 1976 tasting in motion. All three played critical roles in the orchestration of the new Judgement of Napa.

In the format of the original 1976 tasting, ten Chardonnays and ten Cabernet Sauvignon-based wines were selected in secret. They were to represent the best in the world. In 1976 it was Bordeaux vs. California, and Burgundy vs. California. The judges were French professionals, and it shocked the world when they selected the California wines as top in each flight.

At the Judgement of Napa in 2021, the wines selected for the tasting were also kept secret and represented a global focus and included wines from California, France, Australia, Chile and Italy. In 2021, two Napa Valley Cabernets took the top honors when the wines were revealed. The #1 wine selected by the event panel was the 2016 TOR Wines Cabernet Sauvignon, Beckstoffer To Kalon, Oakville, Napa Valley, and the #2 wine was 2016 Scarecrow Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley.

2016 TOR Wines Cabernet Sauvignon, Beckstoffer To Kalon, Oakville, Napa Valley

The Cabernet Sauvignons in the order of ranking from the event panel are:

2016 TOR Wines Cabernet Sauvignon, Beckstoffer To Kalon, Oakville, Napa Valley, California

2016 Scarecrow Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley, California

2016 Château Léoville Las Cases, St-Julien, 2ème Cru Classé, France

2016 Colgin Cabernet Sauvignon, Tychson Hill Napa Valley, California

2016 Penfolds Cabernet Sauvignon, Bin 707, South Australia, Australia

2016 Ornellaia, Bolgheri Superiore, Tuscany, Italy

2016 Ridge Monte Bello, Santa Cruz Mountains, California

2016 Château Mouton Rothschild, Pauillac, 1er Cru Classé, France

2016 Château Montrose, St-Estèphe, 2ème Cru Classé, France

2016 Viña Almaviva, Puente Alto, Maipo Valley, Chile

“To be selected in the top ten Bordeaux variety red wines in the world was a huge honor,” Tor Kenward proprietor of TOR Wines confessed. “To be judged by our peers as #1 in the world in this format is a dream of a lifetime for a winemaker. All of us at TOR Wines are so honored to keep the #1 wine honors in the Napa Valley.”

## **ABOUT TOR NAPA VALLEY**

Tor Kenward is a winemaking icon, having spent the last 44 years on the front lines as a Napa Valley vintner. In 2001 he and his wife Susan founded TOR Napa Valley to focus on small production, single-vineyard wines from esteemed vineyard sites including; Beckstoffer To Kalon, Dr. Crane, Vine Hill Ranch, Melanson, Tierra Roja, and Hyde. TOR also produces three “magical” cuvées: Black Magic, Pure Magic Beckstoffer To Kalon and Pure Magic Vine Hill Ranch, which collected seven 100-point scores for the 2018 vintage. For more information, please visit [www.torwines.com](http://www.torwines.com).