

# TOR

N A P A V A L L E Y

## BECKSTOFFER TO KALON VINEYARD

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2017

**VINEYARD** Beckstoffer To Kalon continues to receive worldwide accolades, particularly in the last decade. The vineyard is set along a gentle slope on the western foothills of the Oakville appellation. Top-soils are Bale loam/Bale clay loam and running through the middle and west side of the vineyard are remnants of ancient streambeds riddled with rock. For the last decade, we have worked with six blocks of Cabernet Sauvignon and two blocks of Cabernet Franc. Each vintage tells a different story, and the best wines can be either single blocks or blends of blocks.

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**WINEMAKING** From our B, D & F blocks in Beckstoffer To Kalon, all of which sit atop ancient riverbeds, providing special structure, depth and complexity to the TOR style. We harvested Friday October 6th, two days before the start of the Atlas fire, gaining early phenolic ripeness thanks to our practice of managing our rows to one cluster per shot. Matured in 100% Darnajou small French oak barrels for twenty months and bottled without fining or filtration.

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**WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES** We consider 2017 To Kalon Cabernet Sauvignon one of our finest wines yet from this legendary site. It reminds us very much of our beloved 2012, for its elegance, finesse and suppleness. Wonderfully complex nose with layers of cassis, cranberry, graphite, fresh earth and bouillon. Incredibly plush, dense with remarkable palate weight, yet a freshness and vitality, finishing long with velvety tannins. Hallmark Beckstoffer To Kalon that will have an incredibly long drinking window over the next four decades or more.

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**VINTAGE** It will be one of those vintages that will be discussed for decades to come. The wines we made are beautiful, our highest-scoring Chardonnays to-date as well as Cabernets and Proprietary Reds that are reflective of great vintages, with early barrel scores into potential 100-point range. Our reds have excellent extract; layered, downright sexy wines that have the structure to live a long time. I taste the wines and marvel. It was a very wet spring, over 30 inches of rain in January and February alone. Spring bloom and set went smoothly, and we rolled into the summer with heat spikes in July, late August, and early September. By early October all the Chardonnays were in and the Cabernets were reaching optimum maturity. We dropped a lot of fruit in 2017, a cluster per shoot in To Kalon, and in part because of this, we had all our fruit in by mid-October. Then came the fire, which had no influence on our wines, but changed all our lives. The wines themselves are rays of sunlight when I reflect on 2017.

94-97 Points - *Antonio Galloni, Vinous*

95-97 Points - *Jeb Dunnuck*

98-100 Points - *International Wine Report*

CASES PRODUCED: 200

RETAIL BOTTLE PRICE: \$225

