

PAUL HOBBS

2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON BECKSTOFFER TO KALON VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD

- Owner: Andy Beckstoffer
- Sourced from: 1.70 acres of block c2a, 1.86 acres of c2b
- Clonal selection: 4
- Rootstock: 039-16
- Plant date: 1996
- Soils: Bale loam and Bale clay loam
- Exposure: 0-2% slope, full exposure
- Trellis and pruning: vertical shoot positioned (vsp), bilateral cordon
- Yield: 2.39 tons/acre

GROWING SEASON

2019 was truly a remarkable year that may prove to be the standout vintage of the decade. The season began with steady winter precipitation and cool springtime temperatures helping keep moisture in our soils throughout much of the summer months. After a rare late season rainstorm in May, warm and dry conditions followed providing an optimal bloom and fruit set. The summer progressed with mild temperatures allowing grapes to slowly ripen and develop their phenolics gradually on the vine, a welcome sign for our team. After the record-breaking 2018 harvest, the crop came in much closer to historical averages. Harvest kicked off during its typical timeframe on September 6 and lasted seven weeks, with fruit possessing exceptional energy, precision, purity of flavors, and superb balance.

HARVEST

- Hand-harvested at night, shears only
- Harvest date: October 7

WINEMAKING

- Hand-sorted while still cold from the field
- Fermented in small, closed-top stainless steel tanks with indigenous yeasts
- 5-day cold soak, 34 day total maceration
- Gentle pumpovers and délestage
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrel
- Aged 20 months in French oak barrels; 86% new
- Coopers: Darnajou, Taransaud, Baron, Boutes, Leroi
- Varietal composition: 100% cabernet sauvignon
- Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered; June 2021

TASTING NOTES

Farmed with a unique precision to match the unparalleled terroir of this historic Oakville site, this vintage is ethereal, delicate, and nuanced. An attractive deep garnet in appearance, this wine expresses soft red cherry, strawberry, floral, and graphite. The palate is full and lively with flavors of blueberry, blackberry, sandalwood, and dried herbs, supported by a lovely grip of tannins and well-tensioned texture that leads to a long, refined finish.