



BOICH FAMILY CELLAR

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2017 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

AVA: Oakville

Vineyard: Beckstoffer To Kalon

Winemaker: Jeff Ames

Cooperage: 22 Months French Oak, Taransaud and Damajou

Beckstoffer To Kalon – Iconic wine comes from iconic vineyards, and Beckstoffer To Kalon is one of the most iconic vineyards in the world. A first-growth vineyard, To Kalon, Greek for “highest beauty,” is lined with various clones of Cabernet Sauvignon, creating its signature “spice box” of flavors. Modern trellising and precise farming play a hand in the production of these opulent and coveted vineyard-designated wines.

Oakville AVA – Found on low-lying flatlands between the Mayacamas and Vaca Mountains, Oakville AVA is rife with well-drained gravel soils, producing Bordeaux varietals rich in texture and firm, approachable tannins. A vinicultural treasure, Oakville’s warm climate, unique soil composition and topography are ideal for growing renowned Cabernet Sauvignon.

Vintage Notes – The 2017 growing season was defined by significant rainfall and summer heat spikes. Refilled reservoirs and replenished soils allowed for thriving vines, while harvest began to progress rapidly during extreme summer temperatures. As fall cooled, harvest slowed, allowing grapes to ripen with excellent aromatics, great acidity and intense flavor. The vivid colors and striking flavors of the 2017 vintage are outstanding.

Wine Maker Notes – The 2017 Beckstoffer To Kalon is a perfect juxtaposition of power and purity. Aromas of huckleberry, pencil lead and fennel seed are alluring and leave a dark, exotic edge to this Cabernet. The palate is layered and dense. Flavors of plum, stick spice and cocoa bean collide, and the lengthy finish continues for well over a minute. Cellar this wine for a decade or open sooner and decant, either way, this is a wine for the record books.

Accolades

2017 Beckstoffer To Kalon Cabernet Sauvignon – Jeb Dunnuck, 96 – This deep purple-hued effort offers a big blast of classic To Kalon red, blue and black fruits as well as notes of flowery incense, spice box, orange blossom and lead pencil shavings, It’s ripe, full-bodied and sexy on the palate and offers way more hedonistic pleasure than most in the 2017 vintage.