

2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

AVA: Oakville

Vineyard: Beckstoffer To Kalon

Winemaker: Jeff Ames

Cooperage: 22 Months French Oak, Taransaud and Darnajou

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 – 2018 saw bud break, flowering and harvest later than normal. A mild summer with no noteworthy heat spikes meant generous sunny days and cooler marine influences. Extended fall sunshine created ideal conditions and allowed for extended hangtime as the grapes developed amazing phenolics and flavors. This vintage will likely be rated among the best in the past 20 years.

Antonio Galloni, Vinous – "Napa Valley experienced two stunning back-to-back vintages in 2018 and 2019 the likes of which I have never seen. Both vintages produced a bevy of breathtaking wines that will thrill Napa Valley fans"

Wine Maker Notes - The 2018 To Kalon Cabernet shows just why this vineyard is so legendary. The trademark To Kalon supple tannins and structure are present as are the lavender, mint, cloves and damp earth that make this site so remarkable. The tremendous quality of the 2018 vintage has pushed all these profiles up a notch or two while somehow remaining perfectly balanced. Though absolutely delicious now, this will have a tremendously long and graceful evolution in the cellar.

Accolades

2018 Beckstoffer To Kalon Cabernet Sauvignon – Jeb Dunnuck, 98 | The 2018 Beckstoffer To Kolan may be the super star in the Boich Family 2018 line up. A big dense purple color is followed by awesome notes of blueberry liqueur, spring flowers, incense, tobacco leaf and graphite. With full-bodied richness, sweet tannins and flawlessly integrated oak and that rare mix of opulence and elegance. This brilliant Oakville Cabernet can be drunk over the coming 25-30 years.