

2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON AVA: Oakville Vineyard: Beckstoffer Missouri Hopper Winemaker: Jeff Ames

Cooperage: 22 Months French Oak, Taransaud and Darnajou

**Beckstoffer Missouri Hopper** – One of Napa Valley's oldest vineyards, Beckstoffer Missouri Hopper yields ripe fruit full of balance and power. Perfectly trellised vines soak up morning fog from the San Pablo Bay, while the robust foliage of the vines protect growing clusters from summer heat. Today the vineyard is planted with some of the valley's most preeminent Cabernet clones.

**Oakville AVA –** Lying along the valley floor, Napa Valley's Oakville AVA brings the best of climate, soil and topography to wine growing. Beyond the terroir, Oakville is lined with family-owned vineyards, meticulous farmers and winemakers. Fertile soils promote world-class grape growing conditions, while warm summers and dry, cool autumns are perfect for Cabernet Sauvignon.

**Vintage Notes –** Another exceptional Napa Valley vintage, the 2019 growing season was marked by a wet spring followed by a long, sunny summer with few extreme heat events. Consistent temperatures helped to preserve the freshness in the fruit while allowing abundant hang time – resulting in concentrated clusters with beautiful color, structure, soft tannins, and bright acidity. These wines will age beautifully for years to come.

## Accolades – 2019 Beckstoffer Missouri Hopper Cabernet Sauvignon

**Jeb Dunnuck, 95** | The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer Missouri Hopper Vineyard is cut from the same cloth as the Georges III with its darker, herbal, classic style. Tobacco leaf, currants, and earthy notes define the bouquet, and it's full-bodied and has a tighter, more compact mouthfeel, ripe tannins, and a great finish. I love its sense of elegance and purity, and it's a gem to drink over the coming 15+. There are 328 cases produced.

