

2015

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

BECKSTOFFER VINEYARD - GEORGES III


ADOBE ROAD
WINERY
SMALL LOT *Handcrafted* WINES

TASTING NOTES

The Beckstoffer Georges III vineyard in Rutherford is one of the most prestigious growing regions for Cabernet Sauvignon in the world. The varying soil types paired with careful selections of rootstock, clone, and row orientation sets the stage for the highest quality fruit yield. In the winery, it's all about maximizing the extraction from these amazing grapes, then patiently aging the wine in barrel for two full years before bottling.

This wine exemplifies Rutherford. With vanilla and tobacco on the nose, the rich mouthfeel is loaded with blackberry, chocolate, and savory baking spices. The finish is long and powerfully echoes the core of fruit and spice.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Respecting the fruit and allowing its full expression is paramount. Grapes were de-stemmed into closed top tanks and then soaked, inoculated and fermented with peak temperatures in the high 80 degree Fahrenheit range. Gentle pressing and extended aging in new French oak for 30 months was followed by careful bottling.

The concentration and full mouthfeel of this wine speak to the vintage conditions where the vines struggled to produce less crop in a drought year. The wine is fresh, vibrant, perfectly ripe in fruit and tannin. Thanks to the extended aging it is well integrated with the oak profile and expressive of its place in Rutherford.

THE VINTAGE

2015 was a bit of a departure from the previous three years. California was in its fourth consecutive year of drought and the vineyards reflected those conditions. The vines woke up early and struggled to produce a smaller, more intense crop. The vintage really rewarded those who rolled with mother nature and used a combination of intuition and the best technology available to produce superior wines.

INFO

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION

Napa Valley, Rutherford

VINEYARD(S)

Beckstoffer Vineyard, Georges III
A & F blocks

BARREL COMPOSITION

100% New French oak

BARREL AGING

30 months in New French oak

ALCOHOL

15%

WINEMAKER

Garrett Martin

CASES

495

