

2014

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

BECKSTOFFER VINEYARD - GEORGES III


ADOBE ROAD
WINERY
SMALL LOT *Handcrafted* WINES

TASTING NOTES

The Beckstoffer Vineyards Georges III 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 of juice from these amazing grapes then patiently aging the wine in barrel for two full years before bottling.

This wine exemplifies what is considered classic 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 defined with a memory of mocha and dark berries.

"Tames intense tannins with an overlay of creamy, mocha-scented oak. The core is deep, rich and concentrated, with dark berry, currant, plum and cassis flavors. Sails along on the finish, even with the tannins. Best from 2021 through 2034." - 94 points, James Laube, Wine Spectator

INFO

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

APPELLATION

Napa Valley, Rutherford

VINEYARD(S)

Beckstoffer Vineyard, Georges III
A & F blocks

BARREL COMPOSITION

100% French oak

BARREL AGING

30 months in new French oak

ALCOHOL

14.8%

WINEMAKER

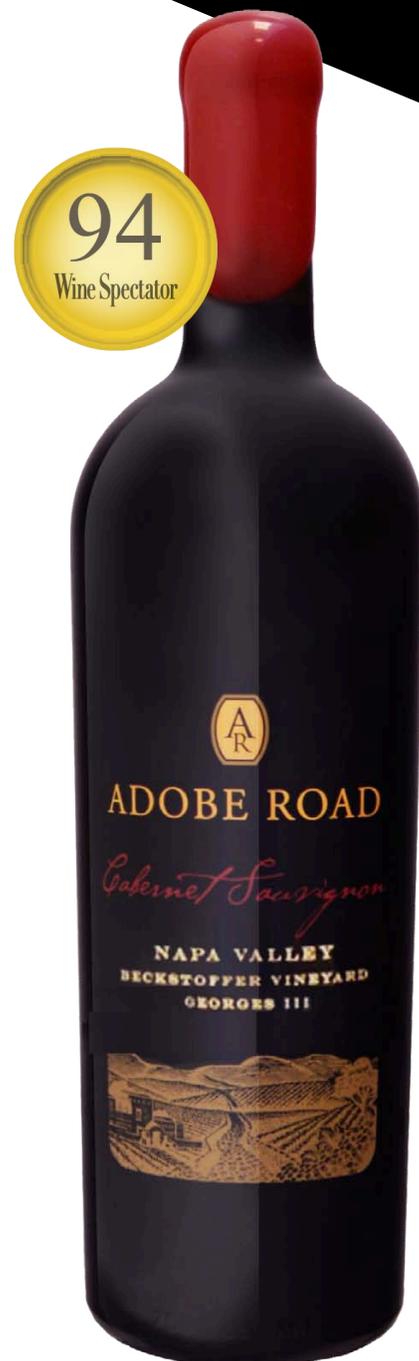
Garrett Martin

CASES

440

ACCOLADES

94 points, Wine Spectator



WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Respecting the fruit and allowing its full expression is paramount. To that end, the fruit was de-stemmed and pumped to 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. The wine is fresh, vibrant, perfectly ripe in fruit and tannin. Due to the extended aging, it is well integrated with the oak profile and expressive of its place in Rutherford.

THE VINTAGE

Perfectly moderate and sunny California weather made it all possible in 2014. The vintage showed itself unique and powerful in the dark tannin structures found in the wines from Napa. The concentration of the fruit shone through at harvest, particularly in Rutherford. The picking window was large, allowing for harvest to occur at optimal ripeness.