

# 2015

## BECKSTOFFER RED WINE

BECKSTOFFER VINEYARDS - GEORGES III & MELROSE

  
ADOBE ROAD  
WINERY  
SMALL LOT *Handcrafted* WINES

### TASTING NOTES

The aromas bring dark cherry, chocolate, and huge ripe red fruits along with a floral outline of violets. On the palate the chocolate and berries gain intensity while being framed by medium tannins, vanilla and detail of smoke and spice. Ripe black plum and rich molasses add complexity to the ultra-smooth finish of this magical 82 percent cabernet sauvignon and 18 percent malbec blend.

The Melrose Malbec is a uniquely darker and more floral expression of Rutherford's soils and climate. The marriage of dark fruit with red, floral Malbec with structured Cabernet, and both wines with powerful presence made for a beautifully harmonized wine.

### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

This Adobe Road 2014 Beckstoffer red wine blend red marks our latest offering from the famed vineyard in Napa Valley's Rutherford AVA. We sourced incredible cabernet sauvignon as always for our flagship bottling of Georges III vineyard designate in 2015. We were also able to source malbec from Andy Beckstoffer's home property on Melrose Lane in Rutherford. Both of these wines are so good -- we had to blend our favorite barrels together. The result? Pure magic and the perfect balance between power and grace.

As we approached this Beckstoffer blend we knew we had something special. Georges III Cabernet Sauvignon always delivers bright red fruits and incredible depth of character. This Beckstoffer red blend comes from Cabernet grown on the famed Georges III Vineyard and Malbec from Andy Beckstoffer's home ranch on Melrose Lane in Rutherford. Both Malbec and Cabernet were sorted, fermented, and aged separately to enhance their unique characteristics.

### 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 crop. Cold weather during flowering caused an uneven fruit set in Napa made for a challenge. All of this was followed by a few early heat spikes, adding more challenging conditions. However, the vintage rewarded those who rolled with mother nature and used a combination of common sense and the best technology available.

### INFO

#### VARIETAL COMPOSITION

82 percent Cabernet Sauvignon: Beckstoffer Vineyards, Georges III; 18 percent Malbec: Beckstoffer Melrose Vineyard

#### APPELLATION

Napa Valley, Rutherford

#### VINEYARD(S)

Beckstoffer Georges III and Beckstoffer Melrose vineyards

#### BARREL COMPOSITION

80% new French oak

#### BARREL AGING

24 months

#### ALCOHOL

15%

#### WINEMAKER

Garrett Martin

#### CASES

125

