

PAUL HOBBS

2007 CABERNET SAUVIGNON BECKSTOFFER TO KALON VINEYARD OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD

- Owner/Mgr: Andy Beckstoffer
- Appellation: Oakville, Napa Valley
- Clonal Selection: 4
- Vine Age: Planted in 1996
- Site: Well-drained, lightly colored gravelly soils with high mineral, low organic content, situated on the Oakville bench
- Yield: 2.7 tons/acre

HARVEST

- Harvest Dates: October 9
- Harvest Brix: 26.2°
- Growing Season: The 2007 growing season was preceded by a mild, dry winter. Bud break came early, setting a crop of highly concentrated berries in small clusters. Summer brought ideal weather with warm, even temperatures through veraison. Late summer brought several heat spikes followed by moderate temperatures that prevailed through harvest. Fruit had ample time for phenolics as well as sugars to reach optimum levels. The result was a slow, steady harvest of exceptional quality, with wines showing great intensity and structure.

WINEMAKING

- Hand-harvested grapes
- Fermented in small, closed-top stainless steel fermentors with indigenous yeasts
- 5-day cold soak, 40 days total maceration
- Native malolactic fermentation in barrels
- Aged 20 months in Taransaud French oak barrels; 100% new
- Varietal Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
- Unblended, unfinned and unfiltered; bottled June 2009

NOTES

- Sourced from choice vine rows within the BV4 block of Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard, this brooding, black-garnet beauty is a testament to the potential for power, breadth and sophistication afforded by this ideal terroir. 100% cabernet sauvignon, it boasts vivid varietal character beginning with enticing nose bursting with cassis, black currant and tobacco leaf. The expansive palate opens slowly, first to impressions of red currant and mocha wrapped tightly around a backbone of graphite and baker's cocoa. The mid-palate adds undertones of pie crust, lavender and dark roast coffee. Massive but fine-grained tannins persist from beginning to end, supporting, broadening and lengthening this exquisite wine. Alcohol 15.2%