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BECKSTOFFER TO KALON VINEYARD 2019 VINTAGE

Considered by countless people over many decades as the preeminent vineyard of Napa Valley, To Kalon Vineyard has been a part of Realm’s portfolio since we began making wine in 2002. Comprised of a portion of the historical To Kalon Vineyard first planted to grapes in 1868, the 89-acre parcel was acquired by Andy Beckstoffer in 1993 and replanted using close spacing and modern trellising. Bordering Highway 29 and stretching west nearly to the Mayacamas Mountain range in the Oakville AVA, Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard sits on a vast alluvial plain formed millions of years ago during a period of immense geologic activity.

In 2019, a great vintage, blocks A1, B1 and E2 were the largest components of our To Kalon Cabernet. As our access to blocks increases, the profile of To Kalon has evolved, and picking across the spectrum (early, mid-season and late) results in a wine that is less monolithic and more precise. To Kalon forces us to ask ourselves, “how do you harness a great vineyard?” As we continue to work with it, we move away from a younger, brasher profile to a more mature and polished expression of the vineyard.

Blend: Oakville AVA. 100% Cabernet Sauvignon.

Vineyard: Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard

Wine Profile: Displays the beautifully concentrated red and black fruit characteristics we’ve come to expect from To Kalon, with hints of tobacco leaf. Full bodied yet chiselled, with fine grained tannins and precision.

THE STORY BEHIND BECKSTOFFER TO KALON

To Kalon is a Greek term that means “the ideal of physical and moral beauty,” but how do you represent “ideal beauty” on a wine label? After all, isn’t beauty in the eye of the beholder? This was the perfect concept for To Kalon in particular – a legendary vineyard whose beauty has been interpreted by so many different wineries. The eye is from an Italian 1,000 lira note – the one that features an intaglio print of pioneering educator Maria Montessori.

