

Schrader

2021 VINTAGE CCS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

PROFILE

Our Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard CCS is produced from 100% Clone 4 Cabernet Sauvignon sourced from the CI Block. This section of the vineyard is situated in the heart of the valley. An alluvial fan provides excellent mineral deposits, and the rich soils are filled with marine sediment. This wine is a rare blend of power, structure, and elegance that balances rich fruit with more delicate floral notes. Full-bodied with muscular structure and ripe, polished tannins.

VINTAGE

This vintage had all the elements of a classic Napa Valley vintage, and for many, it offered redemption from the devastation of 2020. Throughout harvest, Thomas was very impressed with the color and concentration of the fruit we harvested. The quality of our fruit is a testament to the diligence and attention to detail of our vineyard team, who had their work cut out for them in a vintage that was, at times, wildly variable and marked by lingering drought and some unseasonable and sustained periods of high temperatures. These same elements that challenged our vineyard teams also created an ideal environment for our vines to produce low yields of small, intensely flavored berries that achieved peak ripeness and marked complexity. In crafting our 2021 wines, we aimed to showcase the balance of power and poise that we feel will be the hallmarks of the vintage.

VINEYARDS

Beckstoffer's vineyard in Oakville, first planted in 1868 by viticultural and winemaking icon Hamilton Crabb, has long been regarded as the source of Napa Valley's finest Cabernet Sauvignon grapes. This section of the vineyard is situated in the heart of the valley. An alluvial fan provides excellent mineral deposits, and the rich soils are filled with marine sediment. The vines receive full sun and optimal heat during the day and are cooled by marine fog at night. These conditions allow each of the three clones planted in this vineyard (4, 6, and 337) to display its own unique character, and this celebration of individuality is the essence of Schrader.

BARREL SAMPLE CRITICAL PRAISE

97-99 POINTS

"... the 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard CCS is another incredibly classic, layered, unbelievably pure Cabernet Sauvignon that hits it out of the park. Crème de cassis, spring flowers, crushed stone, and tobacco notes flow to a full-bodied, pure, flawlessly balanced 2021 that has ample tannins but the mid-palate, concentration, and fruit to handle it. I love it."

— JEB DUNNUCK, 2.16.23



WINEMAKER: THOMAS RIVERS BROWN

APPELLATION: OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD: BECKSTOFFER TO KALON VINEYARD,
PURE CLONE 4, CI BLOCK

COOPERAGE: AGED IN 100% NEW DARNAJOU AND
TARANSAUD FRENCH OAK BARRELS

ALCOHOL: 15.5% BY VOLUME