

ALEJANDRO BULGHERONI E S T A T E

2017 Alejandro Bulgheroni Estate Lithology “Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard”

Perhaps the most famous of the Beckstoffer vineyards, and certainly one of the most celebrated in Napa’s history. Planted by H. W. Crabb, in 1868, as the Hermosa Vineyard, it was 250 acres and already the most famous vineyard in California when it was renamed To Kalon (meaning “highest beauty” in Greek.) Mr. Crabb lived long enough to expand the vineyard several times and made it one of the most successful wine cellars prior to Prohibition. Afterwards, it passed to a couple of families who cared well for the vineyard until it was finally purchased (in part) by Andy Beckstoffer, in 1993, and replanted in 1994. Even after 150 years, the reputation of this grand cru vineyard has never been greater.

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POINTS
DUNNUCK

“More dark currants, chocolate, gravelly earth, and tobacco notes emerge from the 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Lithology Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard. It’s deep, full-bodied, balanced, and just a stunning wine in every sense. I suspect it will show even more complexity in 3-4 years and cruise for two decades.

This cuvée is a selection (from two blocks in the To Kalon Vineyard) that spent 21 months in just under 90% new French oak.” *January 31, 2020*

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POINTS
WINE
ADVOCATE

“This is made of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon picked from October 2-5. It fermented in oak, concrete and puncheon and was aged in 86% new French oak. Very deep garnet-purple in color, the 2017 Lithology Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard comes bounding out of the glass with exuberant black cherries, boysenberries and black raspberries scents with underlying cassis, tar, star anise, black pepper and fertile loam scents and a waft of exotic spices. Full-bodied, rich and with impressive concentration, it has a firm frame of very fine, ripe, wonderfully grainy tannins and seamless freshness, finishing long and spicy. 81 cases were made.” *October 31, 2019*

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POINTS
VINOUS
GALLONI

“The 2017 Lithology To Kalon is inky, rich and sumptuous from the very first taste. Blackberry, lavender, crème de cassis, tobacco and new leather start to open up with a bit of time, but the 2017 is showing only hints of its ultimate potential today. Aromatic, powerful and deeply resonant, the 2017 has a lot to offer for those who can wait at least a few years.”

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