

ALEJANDRO BULGHERONI E S T A T E

2016 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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DUNNUCK

“The To Kalon vineyard was one of the top sites in 2016, and the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Lithology Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard knocks it out of the park. Sporting a vibrant purple color and straight-up off the charts notes of black raspberries, cassis, flowery spice, and incense, it hits the palate with full-bodied richness and power, a multi-dimensional texture, and a huge finish, all while staying light and elegant on the palate. As sexy and opulent as it gets, drink this magical elixir any time over the coming 15-20 years. This cuvée spent 22 months in 80% new French oak. Hats off to winemaker Philippe Melka for another tour de force in Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon!” *January 31, 2019*

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ADVOCATE

“Aged 22 months in 80% new French oak, the very deep garnet-purple colored 2016 Lithology Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To Kalon has an amazingly profound nose of Indian spices, incense, crushed rocks and potpourri over a core of crème de cassis, preserved plums and blueberry pie with wafts of cedar chest and chocolate box. The palate is full-bodied and oh-so-decadent in the mouth with beautifully ripe, plush tannins and background freshness pushing the layered fruit to the forefront, finishing very long and very seductive. 150 cases produced.” *October 29, 2018*

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VINOUS
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“The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Lithology Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard is a total stunner. A rich, sumptuous wine, the 2016 possesses dazzling textural richness and intensity. Inky blue/purplish fruit, lavender, licorice and spices soar out of the glass. Silky tannins envelop the palate as this dazzling, spectacularly vivid Cabernet Sauvignon shows off its pedigree. The 2016 is a magical wine. Wow!” *December 2018*

