

Beckstoffer Georges III Vineyard

Perchance Estates

2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer Georges III Vineyard

98 Points

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You have to give winemaker Mike Smith credit, the guy makes brilliant wines wherever he goes. This was my first chance tasting this new project and these are both impressive wines. There are only 341 cases of the 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer Georges III Vineyard, which hails from a historic site Rutherford and was brought up in 85% new French oak. Its dense purple hue is followed by rich notes of crème de cassis, mulled black cherries, tobacco leaf, chocolate, and a hint of cedar. These carry to a full-bodied, incredibly seamless 2018 with no hard edges, flawless balance, and ripe, velvety tannins. It opens up with time in the glass, and while already complex and enjoyable, it's going to evolve for 20-25 years in cold cellars. It's a gorgeous wine. – *JD*