



Beckstoffer Las Piedras Vineyard

Carter Cellars

2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer Las Piedras Vineyard La Verdad

100 Points

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A sensational wine from the talents of Mark Carter and winemaker Mike Smith, the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer Las Piedras La Verdad (Verdad means "truth" in Spanish) is a powerful mammoth of a wine that somehow manages to stay graceful, balanced, and elegant. Possessing a killer nose of crème de cassis, crushed rocks, graphite, damp earth/gravelly minerality, and tobacco leaf, it has off the charts purity of fruit, full body, a powerful, layered yet weightless texture, and a finish that just won't quit. This beauty has everything you could want from a wine and needs an hour or so in a decanter today to become approachable, but it will cruise for 2-3 decades in cool cellars. It's a tour de force in winemaking and absolutely as good as it gets. – JD