

Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard

Carter Cellars

2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To Kalon The G.T.O.

98 Points

Jeb Dunnuck - January 2020

The standout, although not by much, is the 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To Kalon The G.T.O, which comes from a mix of the Three Kinds, The Grand Daddy, and the O.G. There are only 25 cases (it's released in magnum), but it's a candidate for the wine of the vintage with its stunning bouquet of crushed violets, white flowers, cassis, and graphite aromatics, full-bodied richness and depth, building tannins, and its layered, multi-dimensional, seamless texture. Competing with what this estate achieved in both 2015 and 2016, give bottles 4-5 years, and it should cruise in cool cellars for 20 years or more. Hats off to Mark Carter and winemaker Mike Smith for one of the wines of the vintage! -JD

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