



Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard

Schrader Cellars

2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard Old Sparky

98 Points

Jeb Dunnuck – January 2020

If I had to pick a wine of the vintage at this point, the 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Old Sparky Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard would certainly be one of the top choices. Always a barrel selection (mostly clone 6 and clone 4), it offers extraordinary notes of exotic blue fruits, white flowers, graphite, wet stone-like minerality, and loads of violets. Possessing full-bodied richness and depth, it hits the palate with loads of fruit and texture as well as seamless tannins and integrated acidity. As with the other top wines here, it has that magical mix of richness and elegance that's the hallmark of all great wines. Aged 20 months in 100% new oak, it's worth hiding bottles for 4-5 years and it's going to evolve for 20-25 years or more. Hats off to winemaker Thomas Brown for the talent to produce a wine of this quality in such a challenging vintage. – JD

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