Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard

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2013 Tor Kenward Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard

94-96 Points

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The same can be said for the 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard. But what's new? In the hands of talented craftspeople, this vineyard produces an amazing Cabernet Sauvignon offering notes of high quality unsmoked cigar tobacco, licorice, blackberry and blackcurrant fruit, fabulous intensity, no hard edges, sweet tannin and a multidimensional, skyscraper-like, full-bodied personality. Drink 2018-2040. Not yet released..

Tor Kenward continues to turn out a portfolio of wines with sensational quality. The longtime public relations guy at Beringer, he has decades of experience with some of the finest winemakers and vineyard sites in Napa and Sonoma. That thorough knowledge and expertise is admirably displayed in the following wines. This may be his best overall performance to date, although his 2011s were very successful for the vintage, and he produced many great 2010s as well. I tasted three bottled 2012 and four 2013 Chardonnay barrel samples. Tor Kenward utilizes highly regarded vineyards generally planted with low-yielding Old Wente clones. Rumors have always suggested these clones came from Corton-Charlemagne in Burgundy many decades ago. Tor has nailed the 2013 vintage as he has produced two wines that push perfection, and several others that merit scores in the high nineties. Kudos to Tor Kenward who is pushing the envelope in a dramatic and brilliant manner! *-RP*