



GREGORY
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2018 Beckstoffer Georges III Cabernet Sauvignon Rutherford, Napa Valley

Tasting Note: This 100% Cabernet Sauvignon has aromas and flavors that are varied, multiple and concentrated with cassis, black currant, black cherry and raspberry sorbet with hints of Rutherford dust. This very traditional Cabernet Sauvignon shows discrete and fleeting hints of sage and fine herb. This leads to an intense concentration of fruit together with spice, vanilla bean, and toasty oak. The texture is firm, fresh, rich and pleasingly full bodied with a long lingering finish.

Winemaking Notes: After months of closely monitoring the development of the grapes, the pick decision is made, and the fruit is picked by hand in the cool overnight hours and promptly transported to the winery. Each cluster is examined and only the best fruit makes the hopper where the grapes are destemmed and then placed into small individual fermentation bins.

The grapes are inoculated with a Bordeaux yeast strain that is specially selected to promote the characteristic of these fine Cabernet Sauvignon grapes. As fermentation begins it is closely monitored and continues to be throughout, once complete the must is gently pressed and combined with the free run juice. After the pressed juice settles, it is racked by gravity to 100% new French Oak barrels. The barrels are specifically selected each year to highlight the individual growing season and add complexity to the finished wine.

Vineyard Notes: The Georges III Vineyard, located in the heart of the Rutherford appellation in the Napa Valley was named by Andy Beckstoffer, in 1988 when he acquired the property. It was first planted in 1895 by Mr. Thomas Rutherford, who the Rutherford wine appellation is named and later owned by the Georges de Latour family, founders of the famous Beaulieu Vineyards. The fruit from these vineyards has helped to establish the Napa Valley has a premier location to grow Cabernet Sauvignon and is one of the most sought-after vineyards in California.

Technical Information:

Fruit Source: Beckstoffer Georges III, Rutherford, Napa Valley

Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Harvested: October 12, 2018

Barrel Treatment: 100% New French Oak

Bottled: May 2020

Final Chemistry: 6.8 g/L TA, 3.68 pH. 14.2% Alcohol

Cases produced: 130