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## **2019 Beckstoffer Georges III Cabernet Sauvignon Rutherford, Napa Valley**

**Tasting Note:** This multidimensional Cabernet Sauvignon has aromas of tart cherry, ripe plum and black current with touches of baking spice, cocoa and tobacco. The palate is layered with blackberry, currant, plum, dusty tannins and savory notes of mushroom and cedar, followed by briar and hints of vanilla bean and baking spices. The acidity is balanced and lively in this surprisingly drinkable 100% Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon.

**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 22, 2019

Barrel Treatment: 100% New French Oak

Bottled: June 11, 2021

Final Chemistry: 6.6 g/L TA, 3.65 pH. 14.8% Alcohol

Cases produced: 65