



## 2009 Janzen Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

The To Kalon Vineyard has produced more dominant Cabernet Sauvignons than any other vineyard in Napa Valley. It has placed itself amongst and risen above the greats of old like Martha's, Hayne, Fay and Vine Hill Vineyards. Working with this vineyard is an astonishing privilege for a winemaker. '09 was not an easy vintage in Napa Valley but without fail, the best vineyards produce the best results and To Kalon rose to the occasion.

The 2009 expresses an exciting nose of bright cherry, fleshy blackberry preserves with a powdering of French barrel vanillin. The color is brilliantly dark and nuances of this wine are pure as there hasn't been any filtering or fining where flavors may be inadvertently absorbed or stripped. On the palate, the flavors of this wine live out loud. The crafty entry shows black berry and dried currants that build well into the center of the palate. To Kalon never fails to produce a pronounced flavor profile with impeccable balance. Cellared well, this wine should survive well 12 to 16 years or longer.

### **Connoisseurs' Guide to California Wine** August 2012 **Rating:94**

*Hailing from one of Napa's most heralded sites, this gutsy, full-bodied wine exhibits great solidity and fruity strength. It comes with a coarse coverlet of youthful tannins, but its complexity is hard to miss, and its very confident fruit effortlessly powers past its finishing astringency. It will not begin to come into its own for at least another six to ten years, and it has the structure and special depth to hold and improve for a very long time.*

### **Wine Advocate** Dec 2011 **Rating:92-94**

*The 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon Janzen Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard bursts from the glass with layers of dark red fruit, flowers, tar and licorice. It is a beautifully fleshy, deeply expressive wine loaded with character and personality. White flowers, mint and licorice wrap around the deep finish. Today this looks to be a fairly structured 2009 that will require patience. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2029.*

### **Wine Enthusiast** Sept 1, 2012 **Rating:97**

*This wine will divide aficionados. Some will find it too soft and fruity. Others will marvel at its sheer deliciousness. It's fantastically rich, a wine of deliriously decadent flavors, ranging from blackberry jam and crème de cassis to mocha, blueberry extract and buttered cinnamon toast. Yes, it's soft, but it's the softness of fine velvet. After all that richness, the finish is amazingly dry. Drink over the next few years to enjoy its youthful beauty.*

### **Wine Spectator** October 15, 2012 **Rating:92**

*Delightfully rich and polished, with a tight focus on red currant and blackberry flavors, with light toasty, cedary oak. Notable for its caressing tannins. Best from 2014 through 2028.*

100% Cabernet Sauvignon sourced entirely from Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard, Oakville.

Clone 337 on VSP trellising

Harvested October 12<sup>th</sup>, 27.5 Degrees Brix

27 months in new French oak barrels, primarily Taransaud, from Allier and Tronçais forests.

Bottled unfiltered and unfined on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012

Alcohol: 15.1%

pH: 3.89

Total acidity: 0.68 g/100ml

**Consulting Winemaker and Viticulturalist:** Kirk Venge

**Proprietors:** The Janzen Family

**Total Production:** 243 cases

**Release date:** March 2012

**Website Retail Price:** \$135

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