

Schrader

2021 VINTAGE RBS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

PROFILE

Our Beckstoffer To Kalon RBS is produced from 100% Clone 337 Cabernet Sauvignon sourced from blocks of the vineyard that receive full sun and optimal heat during the day and are cooled by marine fog at night. Unfailingly red-fruited and plush yet balanced with savory notes of roasted coffee and supple silky tannins. The most generous wine in our portfolio, RBS tends to be more approachable upon release than our other bottlings.

VINTAGE

This vintage had all the elements of a classic Napa Valley vintage, and for many, it offered redemption from the devastation of 2020. Throughout harvest, Thomas was very impressed with the color and concentration of the fruit we harvested. The quality of our fruit is a testament to the diligence and attention to detail of our vineyard team, who had their work cut out for them in a vintage that was, at times, wildly variable and marked by lingering drought and some unseasonable and sustained periods of high temperatures. These same elements that challenged our vineyard teams also created an ideal environment for our vines to produce low yields of small, intensely flavored berries that achieved peak ripeness and marked complexity. In crafting our 2021 wines, we aimed to showcase the balance of power and poise that we feel will be the hallmarks of the vintage.

VINEYARDS

Beckstoffer's vineyard in Oakville, first planted in 1868 by viticultural and winemaking icon Hamilton Crabb, has long been regarded as the source of Napa Valley's finest Cabernet Sauvignon grapes. This section of the vineyard is situated in the heart of the valley. An alluvial fan provides excellent mineral deposits, and the rich soils are filled with marine sediment. The vines receive full sun and optimal heat during the day and are cooled by marine fog at night. These conditions allow each of the three clones planted in this vineyard (4, 6, and 337) to display its own unique character, and this celebration of individuality is the essence of Schrader.



BARREL SAMPLE CRITICAL PRAISE

96–98 POINTS

"The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard RBS is all To Kalon Cabernet Sauvignon. Its inky hue is followed by a powerful, ripe concentrated, full-bodied effort delivering tons of ripe black fruits, smoked tobacco, loamy earth, and chocolate. It's a ripe, sexy, powerful barrel sample."

— JEB DUNNUCK, 2.16.23

WINEMAKER: THOMAS RIVERS BROWN

APPELLATION: OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD: BECKSTOFFER TO KALON VINEYARD,
PURE CLONE 337

COOPERAGE: AGED IN 100% NEW DARNAJOU AND
TARANSAUD FRENCH OAK BARRELS

ALCOHOL: 15.5% BY VOLUME