

WILLIAMS SELYEM



2020 Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

Vibrant and concentrated in color, our inaugural offering of the To Kalon Vineyard immediately tempts the senses. Fresh currant and boysenberry notes jump from the glass along with the To Kalon signature loamy, soil inflected notes. Brazil nut, mocha, and chocolate combine with the earthiness to offer a kaleidoscope of aromas. Powerful tannins coat the palate from front to back with the quintessential Williams Selyem refinement. Flavors of plum mixed with earthy, umami notes are incredibly satisfying. The mystery of To Kalon showcases the ethereal and indescribable quality of this renowned and storied site.

HARVEST 2020

The 2020 growing season started out very dry and bud break was delayed. Early spring rains recharged the soil profile, but periods of extreme cold caused many frost events throughout the Russian River Valley. Late spring yielded ample sunshine and moderate temperatures, and the plants responded very well with excellent canopy growth. The season ended up approximately 12% warmer than average and did not have any heat spikes until August. Harvest started in haste on August 12, ahead of an extreme heat wave. On the night of August 17, the weather changed and there was a rare dry lightning storm that sparked a fire on a hillside in remote west Sonoma County; later named the Walbridge Fire. In the Russian River Valley, it took a number of days for smoke to settle. Based on test results for smoke taint on the grapes, several coastal vineyards were not picked. For the vineyards which were picked, either before the fire or before the smoke settled, the result was concentrated wines with a darker, more brooding complexion. The polish of the tannin, coupled with excellent concentration, should allow for a wide drinking window.

TECHNICAL NOTES

Barrel Description: 100% new

Barrel Aged: 26 months

pH: 3.50

TA: 0.67g/100mL

Alc: 14.8%

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