

Schrader

2018 VINTAGE SCHRADER CCS CABERNET SAUVIGNON

PROFILE

Continuing the legacy of excellence for this benchmark wine, the 2018 Schrader CCS is a stunning example of essential Cabernet Sauvignon power, polished by clonal finesse and terroir. The senses are enraptured by a seamless cavalcade of black and blue fruit compote, late summer bramble berries, white nectarine and jasmine blossoms, cedar, and smoked spices. One of our most popular wines, it continues to fascinate and mesmerize upon release and reward for decades to come.

VINTAGE

After a wet and cool winter, both bud break and flowering got off to a later-than-normal start. Summer brought nice, even temperatures with very few heat spikes, resulting in great phenolic development in the grapes and even ripening across all our vineyard sites. Due to the lower-than-normal summer temperatures, the grapes enjoyed long, steady ripening. This allowed for wonderful sugar development while maintaining structure. Once in barrel, the wines showed prodigious depth and incredible character that wonderfully displayed the benefits of slow, even ripening. A winemaker's dream, the 2018 vintage has produced wines that will provide exceptional pleasure upon release and age gracefully in your cellar.

CRITICAL PRAISE

BARREL SCORE: **95-97+ POINTS**, *THE WINE ADVOCATE*, 12.9.19 | "A very deep purple-black colored barrel sample, the 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon CCS Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard is a little shy to begin, soon unfurling to offer a wonderfully fragrant nose of kirsch, cassis, redcurrants and chocolate-covered cranberries with wafts of garrigue, wild thyme and cedar. Medium-bodied, the palate is taut and muscular with loads of mineral sparks among the red and black berry layers and a rock-solid, grainy frame, finishing with a provocative herbal lift." —LISA PERROTTI-BROWN, *THE WINE ADVOCATE*, 12.9.19

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VINEYARD: BECKSTOFFER TO KALON VINEYARD

APPELLATION: OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY

COMPOSITION: PURE CLONE 4

WINEMAKER: THOMAS RIVERS BROWN

COOPERAGE: AGED IN 100% NEW
DARNAJOU FRENCH OAK BARRELS



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