

2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

AVA: Rutherford

Vineyard: Beckstoffer Georges III

Winemaker: Jeff Ames

Cooperage: 22 Months French Oak, Taransaud and Darnajou

Beckstoffer Vineyard Georges III – Located on the legendary Rutherford bench, this 300-acre site was once home to BV's George de Latour Private Reserve made by renowned winemaker Andre Tchelistcheff. Planted with 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, wines from this historic vineyard have long received wide acclaim. Boich Family Cellar is proud to continue the legacy of crafting world-class wines from this esteemed site.

Rutherford AVA – One of Napa Valley's warmer AVAs, Rutherford is home to some of the most prominent wineries and vineyards. Lying low on the valley floor, this region is composed of well-drained gravel, loam and sand, all of which contribute to the area's distinguished "Rutherford dust" terroir. Rutherford Cabernets display great elegance, full-bodied flavor and dusty tannins.

Vintage Notes – Rain came early in the 2016 growing season providing relief to drought-stricken vines. Flowering returned a small crop, but nearly perfect summer weather helped foster the growing berries. Ideal conditions continued through harvest where fruit was picked at optimal ripeness. The 2016 vintage wines are powerful yet balanced and representative of the unique Napa terroir from which they are sourced.

Wine Maker Notes – This historic heritage site never disappoints. Signature black cherry components are all over the nose and palate with even more dark fruit components and blackberry preserve notes than previous vintages. Fruit-driven with a touch of Rutherford dust on the palate, a curious note of sabarilla and sweet spice make the full-bodied George III Cabernet memorable and intriguing. Soft, round tannins give a hedonistic edge to this wine. With a great length of finish this wine is showing its best in the 2016 vintage.

Accolades – 2016 GIII Not yet rated, former vintages below

2015 GIII, James Suckling, 93 Points - Herbal liqueur, dried tobacco, ivy, dried lavender and blackcurrant compote. The palate's tight and nicely interwoven amidst firm, structured tannins. Full-bodied with lots of plush fruit, but it remains balanced. Drink in 2022.

2014 GIII, Wine Advocate, RP 96 – The 2014 Beckstoffer Georges III has a full-bodied mouthfeel with stunning richness, length and a great finish. It is a magnificent Cabernet Sauvignon from a first-growth vineyard that once was the backbone of many of the famous BV Private Reserves of the 1950s and 60s.