

**2006 Carter Cellars Cabernet
Sauvignon Beckstoffer To Kalon
Vineyard**

The gorgeous 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To-Kalon Vineyard possesses the finest aromatics of all the 2006s. Aromas of flowers, spice box, cedarwood, black currants, new saddle leather, and smoky oak are followed by a beautifully textured, full-bodied wine with a lot of tannin, but also considerable concentration and depth. While it seems more evolved aromatically, in the mouth it appears another 2 years of bottle age would be helpful. This beauty should evolve for 20-25+ years.

Carter Cellars is a relatively new operation (it began in the late 1990s) run by Mark Carter and Nils Venge. The wines are made at Venge's Saddleback Cellars in Oakville with some assistance from Fred Schrader. They have some interesting vineyard sources, including the Beckstoffer To-Kalon Vineyard in Oakville, the Truchard Vineyard in Carneros, the Revilo Vineyard in St. Helena, and the Coliseum Block in Soda Canyon.

Tel. (707) 445-0311; Fax (707) 444-8067

- Robert Parker (December, 2009)