

2009 Carter Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard

A Cabernet Sauvignon Dry Red Table wine from Oakville, Napa, North Coast, California, USA

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Rating: 92

Drink 2014 - 2024

Cost: \$125

The 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard comes across as tight and inward at this stage. It offers up black fruit, minerals, grilled herbs and cassis, all wrapped around a powerful, intense frame. The tannins are quite firm and may need time in the cellar to soften. The Carter To Kalon is made from Block B, a parcel planted with the 337 clone that usually yields finessed, silky, aromatic Cabernets. This is one of the darker, more powerful wines from this part of the vineyard. Anticipated maturity: 2014-2024. Mike Smith crafts these rich, textured wines for proprietor Mark Carter. All of the wines are aged in 100% new French oak, which when coupled with the extraction, results in deep, concentrated wines. Tel. (707) 445-0311