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2016 Carter Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard The Grand Daddy

The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon The Grand Daddy comes from a parcel of clone 4 Cabernet Sauvignon in the famed To Kalon Vineyard. This parcel was replanted in 2018, so it will be 4-5 years before these vines makes it back into the cuvée. It offers an open, perfumed, classic To Kalon nose of sweet crème de cassis, toasted spice, dried herbs/sage, cedar, and graphite. This full-bodied effort has fruit galore, a powerful, layered style, some grippy underlying tannins you have to hunt for, a big mid-palate, and an awesome finish. It needs a short decant if drinking any time soon, but it has the density and balance to cruise for two decades or more.

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