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**Carter Cellars 2011 Cabernet Sauvignon
Beckstoffer To Kalon The O.G. Oakville**

Napa Valley, Napa Valley

Red wine from United States

Drinking window:

(the yield here was just 0.83 ton from one acre in 2011, according to Mark Carter; clone 337): Bright, dark ruby. Cassis, licorice and strong rocky minerality on the nose. Sweet, tactile and deep, with dark berry and brown spice complicated by a saline quality. Excellent layered texture and verve here. Finishes with substantial broad, fine-grained tannins and good mounting length. Thick for the vintage but also very nicely focused. There will be just 2 barrels of this wine, compared to 10 or 12 in 2012!

Stephen Tanzer, May 2013

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