

### 2009 Carter Cellars Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard Oakville

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Style: Red Wine

Varietal: Cabernet Sauvignon

Region: Napa



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Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, May/June '11

(Clone 337, from the same block of old vines as the 2008): Bright medium ruby. Very primary aromas of crushed dark berries, violet and minerals. Thick but bright, with lovely definition and spicy lift to the mineral-driven dark fruit flavors. Finishes strong and vibrant. Aging in all new Taransaud and Darnajou barrels. Strong potential here. (Incidentally, there will be another 2009 cabernet from To Kalon fruit, this one from Clone 4. My sample, which I rated 91-93, showed a bit more mid-palate pliancy but also plenty of acidity and thrust. It was slightly less powerful than the Clone 337 but seductively fine-grained, and more chocolatey on the finish. These two clonal selections will likely be bottled with different proprietary names.) **91-94 points**

By [Stephen Tanzer](#)

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar, May 12

(15.1%): Deep ruby. Primary, powerful aromas of blueberry, bitter cherry and licorice. Huge and extremely primary, with impressive thrust to its plush dark berry flavors. This wine was made from stressed vines and small berries yet it comes across today as more savory and less porty than the Grand Daddy bottling. Finishes with broad, serious tannins and lingering soil tones. The dark fruit element comes from the clone 4 while the redder fruits come from clone 337, notes winemaker Mike Smith. **93(+?) points**