

**2002 Carter Cellars Cabernet
Sauvignon Beckstoffer To Kalon
Vineyard**

A perfect wine, the 2002 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To-Kalon Vineyard comes from further north in the Oakville Corridor on the valley floor. One of the youngest wines in this tasting of 2002s, it boasts a classic Pauillac-like nose of black currant liqueur, spring flowers, charcoal and lead pencil shavings. With formidable intensity, stunning purity and a multidimensional mouthfeel, this beauty needs another 5-8 years of cellaring. It should keep for a half century given its weight, richness, overall balance and extract.

Carter Cellars' two 2002 Cabernets blew me away. I have enjoyed these wines in past vintages, but I never tasted the 2002s when they were released.

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- Robert Parker (June, 2012)