



2019 & 2021 VINOUS TASTING NOTES AND SCORES

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2019
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
BECKSTOFFER MISSOURI HOPPER VINEYARD

The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer Missouri Hopper Vineyard is a powerful, savory wine with tons of personality. Dark red fruit, chalk, spice, leather and mocha all race out of the glass. The potent, earthy Cabernet has tons of depth and structure, not to mention considerable driving energy. The tannins are broad and imposing. Then again, this is Missouri Hopper. All the elements are so well balanced in a Cabernet that is compelling from the very first taste.

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2019
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
BECKSTOFFER GEORGES III VINEYARD

The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer Georges III Vineyard is a potent, brooding wine. Plum, black cherry, bittersweet chocolate, cloves and mocha add to an impression of virile intensity. Deep and yet inward, the Georges III is likely to require a number of years in bottle to hit its stride. I imagine it will always be a pretty imposing wine.

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2019
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
VINE HILL RANCH VINEYARD

The 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon Vine Hill Ranch is elegant and polished, but with all the depth that is typical of this great Oakville site. Dried herbs, tobacco and savory accents meld into a core of dark, resonant fruit. Potent and imposing in its bearing, the 2019 has a lot to offer. It's another hugely promising wine from J. H. Wheeler.

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2021
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
BECKSTOFFER MISSOURI HOPPER VINEYARD

The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer Missouri Hopper Vineyard is endowed with tremendous power and textural intensity. A blast of dark-toned fruit, graphite, leather, sweet oak, spice and tobacco infuse the 2021 with notable complexity and resonance. This needs time to settle down post-bottling but it is impressive. There's just a bit of a strong oak imprint on this wine. Otherwise, its balance is very fine.

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2021
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
BECKSTOFFER GEORGES III VINEYARD

The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer Georges III Vineyard is packed with dark cherry, plum, mocha, leather, chocolate and gravel. This earthy, savory Cabernet Sauvignon is an especially elegant version of Georges III, endowed with plenty of site character. It, too, has developed beautifully so far.

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2021
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
VINE HILL RANCH VINEYARD

The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Vine Hill Ranch Vineyard turned out beautifully. It shows the brighter, more refined side of Vine Hill Ranch. Crushed flowers, red-toned fruit, mint, spice and mocha are all beautifully lifted in this striking, mid-weight Cabernet. The 2021 is all class.