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2021 TASTING NOTES AND SCORES
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2021
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
BECKSTOFFER MISSOURI HOPPER VINEYARD

I continue to think this valley floor site is underrated. The 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer Missouri Hopper Vineyard sports a vivid purple hue as well as a ripe, black-fruited profile revealing lots of minerality, tobacco, and darker chocolate notes. It's full-bodied, concentrated, has plenty of tannins, and a great finish. There's a plushness here that gives it plenty of upfront appeal, yet it's also going to age beautifully.

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2021
CABERNET SAUVIGNON
BECKSTOFFER GEORGES III VINEYARD

Coming from the eastern portion of this large vineyard and vines right up against the Silverado Trail, the 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer Georges III Vineyard is also terrific, with perfumed blue fruits, leafy tobacco, chocolate, and lead pencil-like notes to go with full-bodied richness and depth on the palate. It's balanced and has considerable elegance (one of the hallmarks of this diverse site), fine tannins, and a great finish. It's impeccably made and will evolve for 15-20 years in cold cellars.

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CABERNET SAUVIGNON
VINE HILL RANCH VINEYARD

Beautiful creme de cassis, spring flowers, violets, and a kiss of iron all emerge from the 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Vine Hill Ranch Vineyard, which is all Block 3 Cabernet Sauvignon. It's balanced, medium to full-bodied, has fine tannins, and a more upfront, charming, sexy style to enjoy over the coming 10-12 years.