



2012 Beckstoffer Georges III Cabernet Sauvignon

Georges III is the old Beaulieu Vineyard no. 3 originally designed by the famous Georges de Latour (hence Georges and III) and is responsible for some of the best and most historic wines in Napa Valley's history. I source my fruit from Block F, a premium section of the vineyard. The superiority of this small 17-acre section of the revered Georges III can be mainly attributed to the soil. Block F lies where Conn Creek used to run (which was rerouted by the Army several decades ago). The result is rocky, tough soil that is concentrated deep beneath the surface. The vineyard was replanted with clone 337, known for its silky tannin structure, and the rows were designed to maximize filtered sunlight and optimize partial shade protection during the hot afternoons. The result is premium fruit that rivals Beckstoffer's other famous vineyards, To Kalon and Dr. Crane.

Cheers!
Eric Keating

Detailed Wine Information:

Appellation: Rutherford, Napa Valley
Vineyard Designate: Beckstoffer Georges III
Variety: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Bottling Date: July 28, 2014
Barrels: 100% French Oak (71% new)
Time in Barrels: 22 months
Cases produced: 190
Alcohol: 14.3%
Cellaring potential: 2018-2030