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2013 'Mon Chevalier' 97 points *Knights Valley Cabernet Sauvignon*

The nose is beautifully poised licorice, olive tapenade, carbonized meat, violet, cinnamon, toffee and cocoa. The palate is exceptionally engaging, precisely formed and layered with finesse. Shows excellent structure with violet and licorice, saturated black fruits. Stunning stuff. Drink 2016 – 2035.

2013 'Passionément' 95 points *Oakville, Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon*

The nose has a lush edge of ripe black cherry, graphite, Asian spice, plum and black raspberry. The palate entry shows the firm/supple dynamic of this producer. Dense velvet like chocolate, violet and camphor. Very impressive at this point. Drink 2017 – 2035.

2013 'Cœur de Vallée' 94 points *Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard, Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon*

A nose of cocoa powder, raspberry, licorice and cassis with a briary undercurrent. The palate shows a broad entry with subtle powdery blue fruit vitality, mint, with traces of currant and sweet, sticky plum.

2013 'Morlet Estate' 95 points *St. Helena, Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon*

A beautiful nose with essences of olive, meat, purple herbs with a buttery core along with black tea and boysenberry firmness. The palate is powerful and precise on entry with a core of densely layered black fruit, tar, licorice and plum with beautifully integrated tannins. Drink 2016 – 2035.

2013 'Force de la Nature' 94 points *Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard, Napa Valley Cabernet Franc*

The nose is perfumed with a sweet musk of spice box, clove, orange zest, blueberry, linseed, blackberry and chocolate. The palate is dense and focused with chocolate, clove, licorice and bright essences of florals. Drink 2017 -2030.