

purely domestic wine report

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2014 'Force de la Nature' 97 points *Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard, Napa Valley Cabernet Franc*

The nose is a gorgeous black fruit, mint, warm notes of herb and mocha. The palate is firm, well-structured and vibrant with a chocolate and espresso focused core. The finish is superbly integrated - polished and velvet-like blackberry, spice and carbon. Drink 2017 - 2032.

2014 'Mon Chevalier' 97 points *Knights Valley Cabernet Sauvignon – Estate Grown*

The lushness and gravitas in the nose is quite compelling with a richly nuanced spice box, currant, blackberry and mocha. The palate is strongly focused on a velvety, lush and deep veneer. The core is precise, focused and brilliant. Complete in every way. Drink 2017 - 2035.

2014 'Cœur de Vallée' 95 points *Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard, Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon*

The nose is all measured precision of carbon, herb, camphor, coffee and chocolate. I commented to Luc that I could just smell it all afternoon I was so captivated. The palate entry is the most vibrant and structured of all the wines showing a bright herb, coffee and firm red cherry fruit with solid acidity throughout. Drink 2019 - 2032.

2014 'Passionément' 96 points *Oakville, Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon*

The nose is beautiful spiced currant with polished notes of plum, blackberry, licorice and carbon. The palate entry is a seductive mint and sleek black fruit that merges with a dense chocolate and currant filled core of youthfully fresh fruit. As with the Estate, these wines need time to reach full arc, finishing with sumptuous spice and chocolate. Drink 2017 - 2030.

2014 'Morlet Estate' 98 points *St. Helena, Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon – Estate Grown*

The nose is ebulliently dense earth, cranberry, cedar, plum and blackberry with notes of fresh cut herbs. The palate entry is exceptionally rich and supple with a core of blue and black fruit that are polished, silky and effortlessly poised. With well-integrated oak, the 60-second finish is creamy, balanced black fruit, coffee and herb that grows even more appealing between 45 and 120 minutes after opening.

2014 'La Proportion Dorée' 98 points *Sonoma County Proprietary White Bordeaux-style Blend*

The nose is a lush rounded grapefruit and pineapple with white pepper, chamomile honey, piecrust, caramel, green apple and cinnamon. Shows a beautiful texture on the palate entry redolent of apple, pear tart and spice box, finishing with a well-balanced, polished and bright golden stone fruit. Exhibits great length and complexity with exceptional texture. Drink 2017 - 2033.