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# MORRELLWINE

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*Photo courtesy of Realm Cellars*

There are wineries that achieve greatness—and there are those that reshape the very idea of what their region can be. Realm Cellars is this catalyst in Napa Valley. Scott Becker and the team behind Realm are not disruptors, but a new wave of pioneers guiding Napa Valley into its next era. From their earliest releases, Realm has captured the imagination of collectors and critics alike, amassing a constellation of top scores from the world’s most influential voices. Today, they stand as one of the most visionary estates in the Valley, defined by precision, ambition, and an uncompromising pursuit of excellence.

Antonio Galloni summarizes their ascent with characteristic clarity:

“Realm is, without question, the most ambitious winery in Napa Valley today.”

With the acquisition of elite vineyard sites across the valley—Hartwell, Farella, and Houyi—along with essential partnerships with Andy Beckstoffer for To Kalon and Dr. Crane, Realm has established a viticultural foundation that ensures both extraordinary quality and unmistakable character. Their newest releases reveal the full depth of this evolution: wines of breathtaking purity, sculptural power, and architectural finesse. These are not simply expressions of individual vineyards—they are statements of a producer operating at the very summit of Napa Valley.

Realm’s transformation into one of Napa’s elite estates is nothing short of remarkable. The latest wines reflect a refined stylistic evolution—greater energy, heightened lift, and a striking clarity of expression—marking the next chapter in Realm’s ascent.

For collectors seeking Napa Valley’s highest expressions, these releases stand among the most compelling of the year.

The 2023 vintage, in particular, continues to receive tremendous acclaim. At our preview tasting this fall in New York with Proprietor Scott Becker, every attendee agreed: this new collection is profoundly impressive and genuinely inspiring. And perhaps most telling is Antonio Galloni’s own conclusion from his tasting:

“The 2023s are the best wines I have ever tasted from Realm...”

**Realm Cabernet Sauvignon Houyi Vineyard 2021 (750ml)**

**98WA / 98TWI / 98D**

\$375 per bottle

*Wine Advocate, Joe Czerwinski:*

*Realm's 2021 Cabernet Sauvignon Houyi Vineyard is 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. From a terrific vintage, it offers up seductive notes of black cherries that hint at surmaturité, plus hints of dark chocolate and coffee. Full-bodied and velvety on the palate, with a long, supple finish, this is pretty lush, sexy stuff.*

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**Realm The Absurd 2022 (750ml)**

**98WA / 97JD / 97JS / 97TWI**

\$999 per bottle

*Wine Advocate, Joe Czerwinski:*

*A barrel selection, Realm's 2022 The Absurd boasts compelling aromas of black cherries and red raspberries. It exhibits unusual brightness and lift, while still being full-bodied and richly textured. Sure, it's slightly open-knit, but it's intense, vibrant and characterful, with delicate shadings of violets, stone fruit and spice on the lingering finish.*



*As for the top wine, The Absurd, Realm doesn't disclose vineyard sources or blend—it's strictly a barrel selection and blending exercise. "It's probably the more opulent and hedonistic of the wines we make, because of what stands out," said Becker.*

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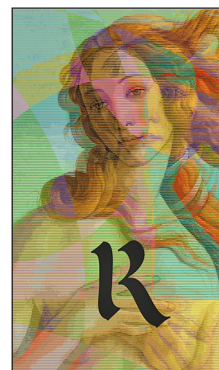
**Realm Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To-Kalon Vineyard 2023 (750ml)**

**98VM**

\$370 per bottle

*Vinous, Antonio Galloni:*

*The 2023 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To-Kalon Vineyard is another captivating, hauntingly beautiful wine from Realm. More than anything else, I am so impressed with how elegant the tannins are in a site that has mostly produced huge, potent wines. Crème de cassis, menthol, licorice, cloves and lavender all build in the glass. Creamy contours wrap it all together. This is quite simply a monumental To Kalon.*



*The 2023s are the best wines I have ever tasted from Realm, wines that seem to presage the next chapter here. Winemaker Benoit Touquette made the 2023s before departing to pursue other projects. The blends were finished by winemakers Chris Cooney, formerly of Dana Estates, and Kelly Fields, who came over from Tench Vineyards. Realm was already moving in a direction that favored a bit more freshness than in the early days, a transition that seems to have been accelerated by the cool nature of the 2023 vintage. All the 2023s are exceptional, but I especially love the Houyi Cabernet Franc. It's a wine that has it all.*

*Congratulations to Proprietor Scott Becker and his team. It was not that long ago that Realm was a virtual winery that relied exclusively on purchased fruit and sub-optimal rented winemaking spaces. Today, Realm is an elite estate winery that owns several top vineyards and three fully operational winery sites.*

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Realm Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer Dr. Crane Vineyard 2023 (750ml)

97VM

\$425

*Vinous, Antonio Galloni:*

*The 2023 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer Dr. Crane Vineyard is deep and quite potent, almost uncharacteristically so for this St. Helena site, where wines tend to be silkier and more finessed. Readers will have to be patient, as this deceptively mid-weight Cabernet Sauvignon packs a pretty serious punch. Here, partial aging in concrete seems to have closed the wine down a bit. This is another wine that responds so well to aeration.*

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Realm Fidelio Sauvignon Blanc 2024 (750ml)

93WA

\$130 per bottle

*Wine Advocate, Joe Czerwinski:*

*The 2024 Sauvignon Blanc Fidelio is all Sauvignon Blanc from the Farella Vineyard in Coombsville. Picked on two or three dates, fermented in stainless steel and then aged in a combination of concrete eggs, clay amphorae and an older foudre, it features hints of crushed stone, passion fruit, pink grapefruit, fig and guava on the nose. It's medium-bodied and silky in texture, with a nice line and length and a clean, refreshing finish.*

