



<b>TOR KENWARD</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>TOR CABERNET SAUV. BECKSTOFFER TO-KALON VYD.</b>	<b>OAKVILLE</b>	<b>(\$150.00)</b>	<b>RED</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>TOR KENWARD</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>TOR CABERNET SAUVIGNON CIMAROSSA VYD.</b>	<b>HOWELL MTN.</b>	<b>(\$75.00)</b>	<b>RED</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>TOR KENWARD</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>TOR CABERNET SAUVIGNON MAST VYD.</b>	<b>YOUNTVILLE</b>	<b>(\$75.00)</b>	<b>RED</b>	<b>92+</b>
<b>TOR KENWARD</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>TOR CUVÉE SUSAN (Cabernet Sauvignon/Syrah)</b>	<b>HOWELL MTN.</b>	<b>(\$48.00)</b>	<b>RED</b>	<b>90+</b>
<b>TOR KENWARD</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>TOR CHARDONNAY DURELL VYD.</b>	<b>SONOMA COAST</b>	<b>(\$60.00)</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>TOR KENWARD</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>TOR CHARDONNAY TORCHIANA</b>	<b>NAPA</b>	<b>(\$53.00)</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>95</b>
<b>TOR KENWARD</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>TOR HOMAGE ALAN-JUDGE VYD.</b>	<b>BENNETT VLY.</b>	<b>(\$40.00)</b>	<b>RED</b>	<b>90</b>

Because the majority of Tor Kenward's wines are from Napa, I have also included his Chardonnay from Sonoma as well as his Grenache/Syrah blend from Bennett Valley. Tor Kenward, the long-time PR professional at the Beringer group, continues to fine tune his craft. He has been a collector and connoisseur of European wines for as long as I have known him (over 25 years), and I am sure that gives him a perspective in terms of searching out top sites to make wines that combine the complexity of European wines with the beautiful fruit, texture, and purity that the viticultural Shangri-La of California provides. The unfined/unfiltered **2007 Tor Chardonnay Durell Vineyard** exhibits a light gold/green color in addition to a beautiful nose of lemon blossoms, orange oil, nectarines, and mangoes displayed in an elegant, fruit-forward, full-bodied style. This complex beauty is loaded with fruit, and also reveals a subtle hint of wood. The **2008 Tor Chardonnay Torchiana** is even better. It may be too exotic for readers looking for restrained, white Burgundy-styled Chardonnay. Big orange marmalade, pineapple, and honeyed lemon-like aromas jump from the glass of this full-bodied, in-your-face, exuberant Chardonnay. Good acidity, terrific concentration, and a beautiful long finish suggest this excellent Chardonnay should drink well for 3-5 years.

The **2007 Tor Homage Alan-Judge Vineyard**, a blend of 70% Grenache and 30% Syrah, offers up beautiful notes of kirsch, licorice, lavender, pepper, spice, and raspberries, lovely fruit, medium to full body, a silky texture, and a hedonistic, up-front appeal. Enjoy it over the next 4-5 years. A blend of 73% Cabernet Sauvignon from the Cimarossa Vineyard on Howell Mountain, and the rest Syrah from the Hudson

Vineyard in southern Napa, the tightly knit **2007 Tor Cuvée Susan** possesses a deep, blue/purple color as well as notes of roasted meats, herbs, lavender, pepper, *crème de cassis*, and blackberries. Rich, full-bodied, structured, and slightly foreboding, it needs another year or two of bottle age, and should evolve for a decade or more.

Tor produces three Cabernet Sauvignons, and tasting through the 2007s was a treat. He is obsessed with fully mature polyphenols (sweet tannins), and he seems to have achieved that in each of these three beauties. The dense ruby/purple-tinged **2007 Tor Cabernet Sauvignon Cimarossa Vineyard** reveals juicy, seductive aromas of red and black fruits intertwined with crushed rock, graphite, and flower notes. Medium to full-bodied with loads of texture and a heady, rich finish, this wine can be drunk now or cellared for 15-20 years. More chocolate, tobacco leaf, spice box, and black and red currant aromas jump from the glass of the **2007 Tor Cabernet Sauvignon Mast Vineyard**. Pure, elegant, and clearly made in a more feminine, gracious style, this well-balanced effort will benefit from 2-3 years of cellaring given its intensity and tannic strength. It should evolve for two decades or more. Looking for a Paulliac copycat made in Napa's tenderloin sector, Oakville? If so, the dense purple-colored **2007 Tor Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To-Kalon Vineyard** offers up abundant aromas of *crème de cassis*, licorice, cedar, spice box, and a whiff of unsmoked, high class cigar tobacco. With a full-bodied palate as well as a beautiful texture, richness, moderately high tannins, and admirable purity and length, this 2007 will hit its prime in 4-5 years, and should last for 25+. Tel. (707) 963-3100; Fax (707) 963-3114