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3 Premium Reds You'll Want to Try

If Robert Parker likes 'em ...

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The buzz is building for a new wine series from one of the newest wineries in California's Napa Valley. In February, **Alejandro Bulgheroni Estate** will release its 2015-vintage three-bottle Lithology Series: Lithology Beckstoffer Las Piedras, Lithology Beckstoffer To Kalon, and Lithology Napa Valley. After barrel tasting two of the cabernet sauvignons about a year ago, Robert Parker gave them an early score range of 94-97. "The 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon To Kalon Lithology could push perfection if it continues to evolve the way it seems to be heading," Parker wrote.

The winery will release the series, named as a play on Napa's rocky terrain, in gift boxes with three 750 mL bottles. Beckstoffer Las Piedras will cost \$675 for the set; Beckstoffer To Kalon, \$525; and Napa Valley, \$450.

Bulgheroni, an Argentine oil tycoon and international vintner, added the St. Helena winery to his distinguished portfolio of 12 global wineries, including estates in Argentina, Bordeaux, and Tuscany, in 2015. The vineyard is sustainably farmed and certified organic, in keeping with Bulgheroni's agricultural values. He released his first Napa wine, the 2014 Alejandro Bulgheroni Cabernet Sauvignon (\$300/750 mL), last February.

To taste Bulgheroni wines, sign up for the allocation list on the winery's website; only list members can access the tasting room. 707-963-6015; bulgheroniwine.com