

PAUL HOBBS

2006 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

BECKSTOFFER DR CRANE
ST. HELENA, NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD

- Owner/Mgr: Andy Beckstoffer
- Appellation: St. Helena, Napa Valley
- Clonal Selections: 4 & 337
- Vine Age: Planted in 1998
- Site: Flat topography with eastern and western exposure; gravelly, alluvial soils; Cortina and Bale loam
- Yield: 3.5 tons/acre

HARVEST

- Harvest Date: October 13
- Harvest Brix: 26°
- Growing Season: 2006 was slightly cooler overall than 2005 and began with delayed bud break due to an unusually long, wet spring. Warmer, drier weather prevailed in May and June. The crop set was smaller than that of 2005. A mid-July heat spike accelerated ripening through summer, helping compensate for the slow start to the growing season. Cooler October weather offered extended hang time and allowed for a well-paced harvest of outstanding quality, with fruit boasting excellent density, aromatics and acidity.

WINEMAKING

- Hand-harvested grapes
- Fermented in small, closed-top stainless steel fermentors with indigenous yeasts
- 7-day cold soak, 34 days total maceration
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrels
- Aged 20 months in French oak barrels; 96% new
- Varietal Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
- Unblended, unfined and unfiltered; Bottled June 2008

NOTES

- This powerhouse cabernet sauvignon is deep garnet in color and bursting with aromas of black currant and espresso, complemented by subtle savory notes. The weighty palate commands attention with pure, concentrated, sinuous layers of red and black fruits, mocha, dried herbs and tar. Hints of vanillin and clean earth complement big, chewy tannins on an enduring finish. Alcohol 15.1%