

PAUL HOBBS

2007 CABERNET SAUVIGNON BECKSTOFFER DR CRANE VINEYARD ST. HELENA, NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD

- Owner/Mgr: Andy Beckstoffer
- Appellation: St. Helena, Napa Valley
- Clonal Selection: 337
- Vine Age: Planted in 1998
- Site: Flat topography with eastern and western exposure; gravelly, alluvial soils; Cortina and Bale loam
- Yield: 2.9 tons/acre

HARVEST

- Harvest Date: September 17
- Harvest Brix: 26.5°
- Growing Season: The 2007 growing season was preceded by a mild, dry winter. Bud break came early, setting a crop of highly concentrated berries in small clusters. Summer brought ideal weather with warm, even temperatures through veraison. Late summer brought several heat spikes followed by moderate temperatures that prevailed through harvest. Fruit had ample time for phenolics as well as sugars to reach optimum levels. The result was a slow, steady harvest of exceptional quality, with wines showing great intensity and structure.

WINEMAKING

- Hand-harvested grapes
- Fermented in small, closed-top stainless steel fermentors with indigenous yeasts
- 4-day cold soak, 35 days total maceration
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrels
- Aged 20 months in French oak barrels; 92% new
- Varietal Composition: 100% cabernet sauvignon
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled June 2009

NOTES

- Displaying a deep, black garnet hue, this muscular powerhouse opens with a nose of black plum, pencil lead and dried herbs that only hint at the intensity and expansiveness of the palate to follow. Abundant flavors of freshly picked blackberries, currants and espresso unfold in velvety succession over a mouth-coating palate. Ripe, sweet tannins surround the dense core of black fruits, complemented by hints of cedar and vanillin on a lasting finish. Alcohol 15.1%