

PAUL HOBBS

2009 CABERNET SAUVIGNON BECKSTOFFER DR. CRANE VINEYARD ST. HELENA, NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD

- Owner: Andy Beckstoffer
- Appellation: St. Helena, Napa Valley
- Clonal Selections: 4, 337
- Planted: 1998
- Site: Flat topography with eastern and western exposure; gravelly, alluvial soils; Cortina and Bale loam
- Yield: 3.7 tons/acre

HARVEST

- Harvest Date: October 9
- Harvest Brix: 26.0°
- Growing Season: 2009 began with an abundance of spring rain followed by mild, steady summer temperatures that set the stage for nearly ideal growing conditions. The well-set fruit ripened slowly allowing for an excellent balance of sugars and acids to develop. The resulting wines can be characterized as elegant and rich with profound depth and structure.

WINEMAKING

- Hand-harvested grapes
- Fermented in small, closed-top stainless steel fermentors with indigenous yeasts
- 6-day cold soak, 26 days total maceration
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrels
- Aged 20 months in French oak barrels; 100% new
- Varietal composition: 100% cabernet sauvignon
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled June 2011

NOTES

- This dark crimson colored cabernet sauvignon is a rich, juicy wine which shows stunning intensity with layers of dark fruit, mocha, spices and new leather. Nuances of crushed rocks, graphite and tar are complemented by vanilla, cedar and cigar box. Alcohol 15.2%