

PAUL HOBBS

2009 CABERNET SAUVIGNON BECKSTOFFER LAS PIEDRAS VINEYARD ST. HELENA, NAPA VALLEY

INAUGURAL VINTAGE

VINEYARD

- Owner/Mgr: Andy Beckstoffer
- Appellation: St. Helena, Napa Valley
- Clonal Selection: 4
- Vine Age: Planted in 2001
- Site: Northeast to southeast exposure; soil abundant with pebbles
- Yield: 3.0 tons/acre

HARVEST

- Harvest Date: October 6
- 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
- 5-day cold soak, 27 days total maceration
- Native malolactic fermentation in barrels
- Aged 20 months in small French oak barrels; 100% new
- Varietal Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
- Unblended, unfined and unfiltered; bottled June 2011

NOTES

- Our inaugural release of Las Piedras Cabernet Sauvignon is a study in structure and refinement. Deep garnet in color, it expresses aromas of blackberry, dark plum and boysenberry, along with a touch of clean earth. The palate is smooth and opulent, featuring finely sculpted layers of black currants, bittersweet cocoa, freshly cut cigar tobacco, damp earth and wet slate. The dense mid-palate tantalizes with acacia flowers and vanillin, and leads to a pleasing 60-second finish. Alcohol 15.1%