

# PAUL HOBBS

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## 2009 CABERNET SAUVIGNON BECKSTOFFER TO KALON VINEYARD OAKVILLE, NAPA VALLEY

### VINEYARD

- Owner/Mgr: Andy Beckstoffer
- Appellation: Napa Valley
- Clonal Selection: 4
- Vine Age: Planted in 1996
- Site: Situated on the Oakville bench; lightly colored gravelly soils with high mineral content
- Yield: 4.0 tons/acre

### HARVEST

- Harvest Date: October 12
- Harvest Brix: 25.8°
- 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, 28 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

- Paul selects specific rows of grapes within this historic vineyard, which contribute to the wine's formidable complexity and refinement. Its black garnet hues are resplendent with aromas of blueberry, currant, cocoa and wet slate. The palate is silky and rich, and powerfully charged with intense, finely sculpted layers of graphite and dark chocolate. The velvety mid-palate crescendos toward an endless finish graced with fine yet stately tannins. Alcohol 15.2%