

# PAUL HOBBS

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## 2010 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 21
- Harvest Brix: 25.6°
- Growing Season: 2010 graced Napa County with a long spring. In March, the young tender vine buds were protected from frost by blankets of fog. Late spring and mid-summer were mild, with temperatures slowly increasing throughout the season. Occasional heat spikes in late summer and early fall encouraged ripening and higher sugar levels. The wines from 2010 are structured and bright with well-articulated flavors.

### WINEMAKING

- Hand-harvested grapes
- Fermented in small, closed-top stainless steel fermentors with indigenous yeasts
- 5-day cold soak, 28 days total maceration
- Voluntary malolactic fermentation in barrels
- Aged 20 months in French oak barrels; 100% new
- Varietal composition: 100% cabernet sauvignon
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled June 2012

### NOTES

- This sophisticated dark crimson colored cabernet sauvignon offers aromas of cedar, black plum, toffee, wild blueberry and black tea leaf. The dense, powerful palate boasts layers of chewy black fruits, vanilla, cedar and cigar box, all of which are complemented by graphite and tar. The finish is tenacious; layers of fine tannins and dark fruit linger on the palate. This wine is rich, round and intense. Alcohol 14.9%