

PAUL HOBBS

2010 CABERNET SAUVIGNON BECKSTOFFER LAS PIEDRAS VINEYARD ST. HELENA, NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD

- Owner/Mgr: Andy Beckstoffer
- Appellation: St. Helena, Napa Valley
- Clonal Selection: 4, 337
- Planted: 2001
- Site: Northeast to southeast exposure; soil abundant with pebbles
- Yield: 3.5 tons/acre

HARVEST

- Harvest Date: October 19
- Harvest Brix: 25.6°
- Growing Season: 2010 graced Napa County with a long, cool spring. In March, the young tender vine buds were protected from frost by blankets of fog. As summer approached, the fog lingered on the coastline, which kept Napa's evenings, nights and early mornings cool and damp. Mid-days were warm and occasional heat spikes in late summer and early fall encouraged ripening. The wines from 2010 are structured and bright.

WINEMAKING

- Hand-harvested grapes
- Fermented in small, closed-top stainless steel fermentors with indigenous yeasts
- 5-day cold soak, 27 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 2013

NOTES

- This wine is a study in structure and refinement. Deep garnet in color, it expresses aromas of boysenberry, cedar and clean earth. The wine is well-delineated, featuring finely sculpted layers of pipe tobacco, leather, dried herbs and wet slate. Structured, polished and precise tannins are accented with vanillin over an intense 60-second finish. Alcohol 14.6%