

PAUL HOBBS

2011 CABERNET SAUVIGNON BECKSTOFFER DR. CRANE VINEYARD ST. HELENA, NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD

- Owner: Andy Beckstoffer
- Appellation: St. Helena, Napa Valley
- Clonal Selections: 337, 4
- Planted: 1998
- Site: Flat topography with eastern and western exposure; gravelly, alluvial soils; Cortina and Bale loam
- Yields: 3.3-3.5 tons/acre

HARVEST

- Harvest Date: October 19
- Harvest Brix: 25.3°
- Growing Season: Spring and early summer rains gave way to a mild growing season with even ripening and a historically late harvest. The 2011 vintage will be remembered as a year with challenging weather that produced a smaller harvest with very good wines which are striking in their elegance.

WINEMAKING

- Hand-harvested grapes
- Fermented in small, closed-top stainless steel fermentors with indigenous yeasts
- 5-day cold soak, 28 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

- Behind the deep amethyst color lies an intense and brooding wine with aromas of dark wild berries, sandalwood, cedar, lavender, and bacon fat. Mouthwatering blueberry and spice cake flavors are interwoven with a solid core of faceted, ultra-fine grain tannin. Textured and seamless, this wine shows exceptional purity and harmony, and the finish is long, taught, and complex. Alcohol 14.9%