

PAUL HOBBS

2011 CABERNET SAUVIGNON BECKSTOFFER LAS PIEDRAS VINEYARD ST. HELENA, NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD

- Owner: Andy Beckstoffer
- Clonal Selection: 4
- Rootstock: 110r
- Plant Date: 2001
- Soils: Soil abundant with pebbles
- Exposure: Northeast to southeast
- Trellis: Bilateral cordon
- Yield: 2.9 tons/acre

GROWING SEASON

- Summary: The 2011 growing season will be remembered for challenging weather, low yields, and a historically late harvest. Spring and early summer rains contributed to a cool, wet growing season. In response to slower maturation due to these conditions, we dropped over half of the fruit onto the ground to enhance overall ripening. The resulting wines are Bordeaux-like in character; striking in their restraint, complexity and elegance.
- Harvest Date: October 19th
- Harvest Brix: 25.4°

WINEMAKING

- Hand harvested at night
- Hand sorted, cold
- Fermented with indigenous yeasts in closed-top, stainless steel tanks
- 6 day cold soak, 32 days total maceration
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrels
- Aged 20 months in French oak barrels, 100% new
- Coopers: Taransaud, Darnajou, Marcel Cadet, Radoux, Seguin Moreau
- Varietal Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled June 2013

NOTES

- Dense electric violet in color, this wine excites with aromas of perfectly ripened cassis, tobacco, graphite, and clean gravel after a spring rain. The densely textured palate is generous in flavors of black cherry, lavender, spice, and mineral. It is a wine of excellent focus, energy and tension, with a finish that lasts for over a minute. Alcohol 14.5%