

PAUL HOBBS

2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON BECKSTOFFER DR. CRANE VINEYARD ST. HELENA, NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD

- Owner: Andy Beckstoffer
- Clonal Selection: 337, 4
- Rootstock: 110r
- Plant Date: 1998
- Soils: Gravelly, alluvial soils, Cortina and Bale loam
- Exposure: Eastern and western exposures
- Trellis: Bilateral cordon
- Yield: 3.6 tons/acre

GROWING SEASON

- Summary: The 2012 growing season has been described by many as “textbook perfect”. Temperate summer days moderated plant growth, contributing to smaller cluster and berry size during lag phase, leading to increased concentration of flavors. An idyllic Indian summer finished the maturation process, producing fruit with exceptional character and intensity.
- Harvest Date: October 16th & 18th
- Harvest Brix: 25.5°

WINEMAKING

- Hand-harvested, picked at night
- Hand-sorted while still cold from the field
- Fermented in small, closed top, stainless steel tanks with indigenous yeasts
- 6-day cold soak, 30 days total maceration
- Gentle pumpovers and delestage
- Aged 20 months in French Oak barrels; 100% new
- Coopers: Taransaud, Darnajou, Radoux, Baron
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrels
- Varietal Composition: 100% cabernet sauvignon
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled June 2014

NOTES

- Deep violet in color, this 100% cabernet sauvignon leads with an expressive nose of cigar box, baked fig compote and black currant. The palate has a stunning intensity, with layers of dark fruit, black cherry and savory dried herbs. Round, chewy tannins support the lingering mineral-driven finish. Alcohol 14.7%