

PAUL HOBBS

2012 CABERNET SAUVIGNON BECKSTOFFER LAS PIEDRAS VINEYARD ST. HELENA, NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD

- Owner: Andy Beckstoffer
- Clonal Selection: 4, 337
- Rootstock: 110r
- Plant Date: 2001, 2005
- Soils: Shallow horizon of very gravelly loam over Riverwash.
- Exposure: Northeast to southeast
- 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 20th
- 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, 31 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 2014

NOTES

- Intense black garnet in color, this wine entices with complex aromas of ripe berries, green olives, graphite, and cracked black pepper. The dense palate offers lavish flavors of black currants, Herbs De Provence, cigar box and baker's cocoa. Chewy tannins lead to a captivating finish with hints of iodine and spice. We recommend decanting this wine in its youth. Alcohol 14.6%