

PAUL HOBBS

2013 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 angular loam over Riverwash.
- Exposure: Northeast to southeast
- Trellis: Bilateral cordon
- Yield: 3.8 tons/acre

GROWING SEASON

- Summary: 2013 was a phenomenal growing season in just about every way. A warm, dry spring led to early bud break, limited canopy vigor and berry size, and created ideal conditions through bloom and fruit set. An abundance of long sunny days, with only one heat spike in early July, resulted in even ripening and an early harvest with exceptional flavor development. The 2013 vintage offers very high quality wines that are striking in their balance and expression.
- Harvest Date: September 27th
- Harvest Brix: 25.6°

WINEMAKING

- Hand-harvested, picked at night
- Hand-sorted while still cold from the field
- Fermented with indigenous yeasts in small closed-top, stainless steel tanks
- 6-day cold soak, 31 days total maceration
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrels
- Gentle pumpovers and delestage
- Aged 20 months in French oak barrels, 100% new
- Coopers: Taransaud, Darnajou, Radoux, Marques, Baron
- Varietal Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled June 2015

NOTES

- This wine demonstrates striking aromatic amplitude: notes of red fruit, rich cassis, graphite, dried tobacco leaf and wood smoke burst from the glass. This is an expansive wine structured around fine tannin, almost saline minerality and rich, intense fruit. Aged 20 months in French oak barrels, 100% new.