

PAUL HOBBS

2014 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: Flat valley floor
- Trellis: VSP
- Yield: 3.9 tons/acre

GROWING SEASON

- Summary: 2014 was the third straight outstanding growing season in a row, following the excellent 2012 and 2013 vintages. Dry winter and spring conditions limited canopy vigor, and a warm growing season with a lack of extreme heat spikes resulted in prolonged, even ripening through harvest. The resulting wines possess great site specificity, depth and quality.
- Harvest Date: October 4th
- Harvest Brix: 25.8°

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
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrels
- Gentle pumpovers and delestage
- Aged 20 months in French oak barrels; 100% new
- Coopers: Taransaud, Darnajou, Radoux, Baron, Sylvain
- Varietal Composition: 100% cabernet sauvignon
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled June 2016

NOTES

- Sourced from the 'filet' sections of two specific blocks of the Beckstoffer Dr. Crane vineyard, this sophisticated cabernet sauvignon is known for its muscular structure and intensity. A deep black garnet hue, the wine boasts aromas of crème de cassis, cocoa powder, damp earth and anise. The weighty palate unveils concentrated layers of red currant, freshly picked blackberries, graphite, and spice box. The finish delivers, ripe, ultra-fine tannins wrapped around the core of dense fruit.