

# PAUL HOBBS

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## 2019 CABERNET SAUVIGNON BECKSTOFFER DR. CRANE VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

### VINEYARD

- Owner: Andy Beckstoffer
- Sourced from: c2, a5
- Clonal selection: 4, 337
- Rootstock: 110r
- Plant date: 1998
- Soils: Bale loam
- Exposure: 0-3% slope, full exposure
- Trellis and pruning: vertical shoot positioned (vsp) | bilateral cordon
- Yield: 3.37 tons/acre

### GROWING SEASON

2019 was truly a remarkable year that may prove to be the standout vintage of the decade. The season began with steady winter precipitation and cool springtime temperatures helping keep moisture in our soils throughout much of the summer months. After a rare late season rainstorm in May, warm and dry conditions followed providing an optimal bloom and fruit set. The summer progressed with mild temperatures allowing grapes to slowly ripen and develop their phenolics gradually on the vine, a welcome sign for our team. After the record-breaking 2018 harvest, the crop came in much closer to historical averages. Harvest kicked off during its typical timeframe on September 6 and lasted seven weeks, with fruit possessing exceptional energy, precision, purity of flavors, and superb balance.

### HARVEST

- Hand-harvested at night, shears only
- Harvest date: October 8

### WINEMAKING

- Hand-sorted while still cold from the field
- Fermented in small, closed-top stainless steel tanks with indigenous yeasts
- 5 day cold soak, 34 day total maceration
- Gentle pumpovers and délestage
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrel
- Aged 20 months in French oak barrels; 99% new
- Coopers: Darnajou, Taransaud, Boutes, Leroi, Baron
- Varietal composition: 100% cabernet sauvignon
- Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered; June 2020

### TASTING NOTES

Planted on gravelly loam soils on the west side of St. Helena, this distinctive cabernet reveals a rich garnet color and expressive layers of blackberry compote, cigar box, and rose petal fragrances. The palate presents a superb structure with plush tannins that frame a core of blackcurrant and kirsch, leading to rising notes of chocolate shavings and spiced clove that intermingles with an intriguing graphite complexity, creating a lifted and mineral-laced finish.