

PAUL HOBBS

2016 CABERNET SAUVIGNON BECKSTOFFER LAS PIEDRAS VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD

- Owner: Andy Beckstoffer
- Sourced from: 2.38 acres of block b
- Clonal selection: 4
- Rootstock: 110-r
- Plant date: 2001
- Soil: Cortina very gravelly loam
- Exposure: 0-5% slope, full exposure
- Trellis and pruning: vertical shoot positioned (vsp) | bilateral cordon
- Yield: 2.4 tons/acre

GROWING SEASON

A true test of our vineyard team's mettle, the challenges of the 2016 season commenced early with cold, damp, windy conditions during bloom causing poor set, and unevenly ripened clusters - what is known as 'shot berries'. The remainder of the season steadied, and with much handwork and fruit thinning, delivered ripe and balanced fruit of high quality. Harvest was early across the board, a common occurrence when the vine carries a light crop.

HARVEST

- Hand-harvested at night, sheers only
- Harvest date: October 6

WINEMAKING

- Hand-sorted while still cold from the field
- Fermented in small, closed-top stainless steel tanks with indigenous yeasts
- 5-day cold soak, 29 day total maceration
- Gentle pumpovers and délestage
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrel
- Aged 20 months in French oak barrels; 100% new
- Coopers: Baron, Darnajou, Taransaud, Marcel Cadet, Radoux
- Varietal Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
- Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered; June 2018

TASTING NOTES

Resplendent with a deep purple color and aromas of crushed violets, ripe blueberry, and clean earth, the cabernet sauvignon from this St. Helena site is endowed with structure and refinement. A soft entry on the palate carries layered flavors of ripe blackberry, sweet chocolate, savory herbs, and a distinct wet stone minerality. Integrated tannins lead to a long finish with hints of salinity and spice. Showing both depth and precision, the wine imparts a compelling tension throughout. Alcohol 14.8%