

PAUL HOBBS

2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON BECKSTOFFER LAS PIEDRAS VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD

- Owner: Andy Beckstoffer
- Sourced from: 2.38 acres of block b1
- Clonal selection: 4
- Rootstock: 110-r
- Plant date: 2001
- Soil: Cortina, gravel loam
- Exposure: 0-5% slope, full exposure
- Trellis and pruning: vertical shoot positioned (vsp) | bilateral cordon
- Yield: 2.65 tons/acre

GROWING SEASON

After 2017 received record-breaking rainfall, 2018 brought another winter with wet weather that continued through February. By early spring, dry and sunny conditions allowed for an ideal fruit set. Mild summer temperatures with no prolonged heat spikes provided an abundant crop, leading us to make up to four yield thinning passes in our vineyards. The moderate temperatures extended into fall, resulting in exceptional phenolic development allowing fruit to slowly mature on the vine. Fruit was harvested a full two weeks later than average, delivering elegant structure, brightness of flavors, and naturally balanced acidity.

HARVEST

- Hand-harvested at night, shears only
- Harvest date: October 19

WINEMAKING

- Hand-sorted while still cold from the field
- Fermented in small, closed-top stainless steel tanks with indigenous yeasts
- 5-day cold soak, 32 day total maceration
- Gentle pumpovers and délestage
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrel
- Aged 20 months in French oak barrels; 87% new
- Coopers: Darnajou, Taransaud, Boutes, Leroi
- Varietal Composition: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon
- Bottled unfinned and unfiltered; June 2020

TASTING NOTES

Possessing a deep garnet core and aromas of sweet Morello cherry, baker's mocha and savory herbs, our 2018 is a deeply compelling wine with remarkable depth and concentration of flavors. A backbone of firm tannins support expressive layers of blackcurrant and blueberry confiture, with an underlying crushed rock minerality and lift of acidity that lends tension to the long, seamless finish.