

PAUL HOBBS

2019 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: 2.67 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, 31 day total maceration
- Gentle pumpovers and délestage
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrel
- Aged 20 months in French oak barrels; 93% new
- Coopers: Darnajou, Taransaud, Boutes, Leroi, Baron
- Varietal composition: 100% cabernet sauvignon
- Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered; June 2021

TASTING NOTES

Exhibiting a deep garnet hue and aromas of boysenberry, black currant, violet, tobacco leaf, and herbal notes, this cabernet sauvignon deftly captures the true character of the western St. Helena site named Las Piedras, or 'the stones.' Well-integrated silky tannins support complex layers of juicy blackberry, sandalwood, and graphite with a lift of acidity that lends tension to the long, seamless finish.