

# PAUL HOBBS

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## 2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON BECKSTOFFER DR. CRANE VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

### VINEYARD

- Clonal selection: 337, 4
- Rootstock: 110r
- Plant date: 1998
- Soil: bale loam
- Exposure: 0-3% slope, full exposure
- Trellis and pruning: bilateral cordon, vertical shoot positioning (vsp)

### GROWING SEASON

One of the best vintages in recent memory, 2021 will be remembered for its intensely flavored berries, a smooth harvest and most importantly, exquisitely balanced, nuanced, and vivid wines. The season began with historically low rainfall which, coupled with a cold winter, delayed bud break. However, despite the cooler start to the year, the remainder of the season proved to be temperate with no relevant unfavorable weather events. Warm temps and mild May weather conditions, for example, favored a compact bloom and an extremely uniform fruit set with highly desirable small berries and moderately sized, well-spaced clusters. Meanwhile, summer's long, cool mornings and warm afternoons permitted the fruit on the vine to take a slow, leisurely ride to full maturity—excellent for the physiological fruit development we prize. Harvest kicked-off punctually at 12:01 am, September 6, and after six glorious weeks, blessed our house with a fine crop of remarkably delicious, energetic, young wines.

### HARVEST

- Hand-harvested at night, shears only
- Harvest dates: September 21-October 1

### WINEMAKING

- Hand-sorted while still cold from the field
- Indigenous yeast fermentation
- 31-day total maceration
- Pumpovers and délestage
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrel
- Aged 18 months in French oak barrels; 86% new
- Varietal composition: 100% cabernet sauvignon
- Bottled unfinned and unfiltered; June 2023

### TASTING NOTES

A brilliant shade of garnet red in the glass, our 2021 from the venerable Beckstoffer Dr. Crane Vineyard captures fresh dark red fruit aromas—black raspberry and cherry—that hang in savory balance with pungent cigar box, tobacco leaf, and graphite notes. The palate is bright and precise yet complex, its dusty tannins and crushed rock minerality integrated seamlessly through a long, indulgent finish.