

PAUL HOBBS

2020 CABERNET SAUVIGNON BECKSTOFFER LAS PIEDRAS VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD

- 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

GROWING SEASON

A dry winter started the season with less than half the region's average rainfall leading to a mild spring and early season bud break. Summer began with relatively moderate temperatures resulting in exceptional phenolic development, allowing fruit to ripen and mature slowly on the vine. Consecutive heat spells coupled with a rare mid-August lightning storm accelerated the start of harvest two weeks earlier than average. All fruit was hand-harvested within seven weeks, and although challenging on many fronts, our highly skilled team persevered at every stage and excelled in their meticulous picking, sorting, and barrel selections. While some wines will not be produced as they did not meet our standards for quality, those that were are in very small quantities, ensuring the limited remaining bottlings showcase their full character with great energy, depth of flavor, and focus.

HARVEST

- Hand-harvested at night, shears only
- Harvest date: September 26

WINEMAKING

- Hand-sorted while still cold from the field
- Indigenous yeast fermentation
- 29-day total maceration
- Gentle pumpovers and délestage
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation
- Aged 20 months in French oak barrels; 83% new
- Varietal composition: 100% cabernet sauvignon
- Bottled unfined and unfiltered; June 2022

TASTING NOTES

Possessing a deep garnet color and aromas of blackberry, black currant, and savory herbs, the 2020 vintage is a compelling wine with remarkable depth. The backbone of chalky, fine-grained tannins support layers of plum, allspice, and tobacco leaf, with an underlying minerality and a lift of juicy acidity that lends tension to the long, velvety finish.