

# PAUL HOBBS

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## 2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON BECKSTOFFER TO KALON VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

### VINEYARD

- Clonal selection: 4
- Rootstock: 039-16
- Plant date: 1996
- Soil: bale loam and bale clay loam
- Exposure: 0-2% 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
- September 25

### WINEMAKING

- Varietal composition: 100% cabernet sauvignon
- Hand-sorted while still cold from the field
- Indigenous yeast fermentation
- 31-day total maceration
- Pumpovers and délestage
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrel
- Aged 20 months in French oak barrels; 85% new
- Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered; June 2023

### TASTING NOTES

This wine exhibits a shade of dark garnet. Expressive and complex aromas of huckleberry, blackberry, and red currant are layered with crème de cassis, sandalwood, graphite, and pungent cigar box. A stunningly precise profile of cherry and black currant opens to cacao and crushed river rock, lifting with vibrant acidity across the mid-palate. Taut, fine-grained tannins carry through a long, persistent finish.