



## 2026 VINEYARD DESIGNATE COLLECTION

### CURRENT RELEASES

#### 2023 NATHAN COOMBS ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

“Luxurious, plush, deeply flavorful and velvety, this full-bodied wine is one of the greats of Napa Valley. Quiet strength builds a fine tannic structure around potent black cherry, black currant, iron and cocoa flavors. Built for further aging due to its intense concentration, but polished and layered for enjoyment soon as well as later. Powdery tannins, great balance and pure flavors. Drinkable now and best from 2033.” – Jim Gordon, *James Suckling*

#### 2023 BECKSTOFFER DR. CRANE VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

“A tour de force in world-class Cabernet Sauvignon from this Grand Cru site just outside of St. Helena...Its deep purple hue is followed by a brilliant, Haut-Brion-like perfume of black fruits, smoked tobacco, scorched earth, graphite, and lead pencil. It's deep, full-bodied, and concentrated on the palate, with flawless overall balance, ripe, polished tannins, the freshness and vibrancy of the vintage, and a blockbuster finish...Hide bottles for a decade if you can, and this beauty will be a 40- to 50-year wine. Drink 2035-2075.” – Jeb Dunnuck, *Jeb Dunnuck*

#### 2023 BECKSTOFFER LAS PIEDRAS VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

“...The wine is exquisitely polished and silky, its tannins so refined and distinctly gravelly that they vividly evoke the site's stony terrain. Beautifully mineral and utterly alluring, it is energising both aromatically and on the palate, with elegant rose petal and rose stem notes layered over iron, graphite, and earthy undertones. A subtle bay laurel freshness adds lift.” – Jonathan Cristaldi, *Decanter*

#### 2023 BECKSTOFFER TO KALON VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

“Hobbs currently only draws To Kalon fruit from Block C2, planted to Clone 4. His 2023 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard features notes of mixed red and black cherries, plus vanilla, loamy earth and dried spices. It's medium- to full-bodied and quite rich and velvety in texture, ... this is powerful, long and authoritatively flavored on the finish, another show-stopping wine.” – Joe Czerwinski, *Wine Advocate*

#### 2023 GROWING SEASON

If the '23 growing season could be defined by one element, it would be water. After several years of drought, we recalibrated our expectations and practices to adapt to abundant rain. Years like this remind us why it is important to stay nimble and open to change. We embraced what nature gave us—and garnered a standout vintage.

Atmospheric rivers (long bands of atmosphere in the air that can resemble and carry as much water as the namesake body of water) in the winter, particularly January and March, were a double-edged sword. These occurrences refilled rivers and lakes to capacity and replenished aquifers; however, the wet and cool conditions, especially in March through early April, delayed bud break by several weeks. Lower than average temperatures and more rainfall prevailed in May and bloom came later than previous vintages. Fruit set was remarkably strong overall, save for a few pinot noir blocks. July rebounded with warmer temperatures and veraison kicked off in earnest. August temperatures were below normal and foggy, wet conditions led to rapid growth of cluster and berry size. To counteract the weight and ensure good phenolic concentration in the fruit, we performed additional crop thinning in many estate blocks. Like every other stage of the growing season, harvest commenced weeks behind previous years. We began picking on September 20—the latest start in over a decade for Paul Hobbs Winery. All in all, 2023 was not just quantitatively notable, but qualitative as well, providing beautiful and balanced fruit.



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#### 2016 BECKSTOFFER TO KALON VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

A true test of our vineyard team's mettle, the challenges of the 2016 season commenced early with cold, damp, windy conditions during bloom causing poor set, and unevenly ripened clusters – what is known as 'shot berries'. The remainder of the season steadied, and with much handwork and fruit thinning, delivered ripe and balanced fruit of high quality. Harvest was early across the board, a common occurrence when the vine carries a light crop.

An exemplary vintage from this historic site that possesses enormous complexity, elegant mouthfeel, and refined tension. Displaying dark garnet with a shade of purple toward the rim, the wine is expressive with scents of roses, cinnamon spice, blackberry compote, and tobacco leaf. The palate is full and lively with flavors of Black Mission fig, mocha, and anise framed by firm tannins setting the stage for an endless finish that's joined by graphite, fresh thyme, and licorice.

#### 2015 BECKSTOFFER LAS PIEDRAS VINEYARD CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Due to unseasonably warm temperatures, the 2015 vintage began in late winter leading to an early bud break, and thus an elongated growing season. Overall yields were lighter than average with smaller clusters and berry size as a result of cooler temperatures during bloom and the third consecutive year of drought. While 2015 was lighter than previous vintages, the wines show increased concentration of flavors with wonderful balance and round textures.

Exhibiting intense garnet, the aromatics juxtapose between powerful blackcurrant and cocoa with fresh lavender and sage. The palate is bolstered by soft, lush tannins that harmonize the ripe blackberry and cassis flavors with intense mineral expressions of limestone and iron. All these components impart a compelling tension throughout the long finish and capture the ripe and mineral aspect of this inimitable site.