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2008 CABERNET SAUVIGNON BECKSTOFFER DR CRANE VINEYARD ST. HELENA, NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD

- Owner/Mgr: Andy Beckstoffer
- Appellation: St. Helena, Napa Valley
- Clonal Selection: 337
- Vine Age: Planted in 1998
- Site: Flat topography with eastern and western exposure; gravelly, alluvial soils; Cortina and Bale loam
- Yield: 3.2 tons/acre

HARVEST

- Harvest Date: October 15
- Harvest Brix: 26.0°
- Growing Season: 2008 began with an exceptionally dry spring and early budbreak. Frosts in April significantly lowered cluster counts. Weather stabilized and warmed through summer, with warmer temperatures continuing through harvest. A smaller crop of high quality fruit was able to ripen fully and evenly, developing an excellent balance of sugars and acid. Overall, the 2008 wines are bright and expressive with well-articulated flavors.

WINEMAKING

- Hand-harvested grapes
- Fermented in small, closed-top stainless steel fermentors with indigenous yeasts
- 6-day cold soak, 34 days total maceration
- Spontaneous malolactic fermentation in barrels
- Aged 20 months in French oak barrels; 100% new
- Varietal Composition: 100% cabernet sauvignon
- Unfined and unfiltered; bottled June 2010

NOTES

- The opaque, dark ruby 2008 Beckstoffer Dr. Crane reveals concentrated aromas of ripe boysenberry, black cherry and dried herbs. The dense, powerful palate boasts rich flavors of black currant, Bing cherry, dark-roast espresso, pencil shavings and sandlewood. The extended finish is supported by soft, silky tannins and accentuated by a spice box of sage and tobacco. Alcohol 14.8%