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DR CRANE VINEYARD
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2024

VINEYARD Napa pioneer Dr. George Belden Crane originally planted Beckstoffer Dr. Crane Vineyard in 1858. Acquired by Beckstoffer Vineyards in 1997, the vineyard's pure rock to gravelly loam soils were replanted in 1998 to multiple clones of Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, and Cabernet Franc. Just south and on the west side of Highway 29, it borders a rock quarry, which defines our block, planted to the rare and shy-yielding Clone 6. We also have a small block of Cabernet Franc which we co-ferment with the Cabernet Sauvignon and, in some years, produce on its own.

WINEMAKING Our 2024 Beckstoffer Dr. Crane Cabernet Sauvignon (79%) and Cabernet Franc (21%) were co-fermented in a single four-ton closed-top tank, spending 19 days on the skins. Color extraction occurred rapidly this vintage, yielding perhaps our darkest Dr. Crane to date. Following basket pressing, the wine was aged in highly sought-after Taransaud T5 barrels—crafted from oak air-dried for five years. While we evaluate our wines continually throughout the process, this vintage felt complete from the very beginning. Bottled unfinned and unfiltered, it preserves maximum depth, mouthfeel, and texture.

WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES "The 2024 Dr. Crane Cabernet Sauvignon is perhaps the richest and most powerful expression of this vineyard we have ever produced. It opens with complex aromatics of dark espresso, damp earth, cedar, and fresh roses. On the palate, a lush core of blackberries, ripe blueberries, and milk chocolate unfolds alongside extraordinarily silky, refined tannins. Sumptuous and seamless, it carries into a finish that lingers indefinitely. Exceptional structure promises a remarkably long life in the cellar." –Jeff Ames

TOR'S NOTE ON THE VINTAGE 2024 shoots pushed in early spring with vigor due to excellent groundwater and warm conditions, forming healthy canopies. Before veraison, in June and into July, Napa experienced two short heat spikes which accelerated ripening. It was an early start for the vineyards, and an early harvest for the winemakers, a bit fast and furious toward the end, but overall one we all fondly look back on as special. The wines have great color, extract, layers of flavor, excellent #s (PH/TA/dry extract/etc.). 2024 is reminiscent of some of the great vintages of the past, like 1987 and 1991, that have aged extremely well.

