

B CELLARS
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*Beckstoffer Dr. Crane Vineyard
Cabernet Sauvignon*

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

2023

Heritage



B Cellars is especially proud of its long-term partnership with legendary and pioneering grower, Andy Beckstoffer. With a portfolio of seven single-vineyard heritage wines, the B Cellars - Beckstoffer partnership offers some of the region's best wines, produced from the most sought after vineyards in Napa Valley. We have nurtured our partnership with Beckstoffer Vineyards since our founding in 2003 and continue to be one of the few wineries in the Napa Valley that produces a wine from each of the six Heritage Vineyards.

Winemaker's Notes



Operatic as ever, the wine opens with an expressive nose of fennel, forest floor, cinnamon, and cardamom. The palate expands with crushed blueberries and blackberries, layered atop notes of blueberry pie and blackberry compote. Leathery tannins carry the finish and linger endlessly.

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Vineyard Story



Napa pioneer Dr. George Belden Crane originally planted Beckstoffer Dr. Crane Vineyard in 1858. During the 1920's the Chinatown of the City of St. Helena was located on the site. Acquired by Beckstoffer Vineyards in 1997, the vineyard's gravelly loam soils were replanted in 1998 to multiple clones of Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc. This is one of three* Beckstoffer Heritage vineyards that exist within one square mile of each other. It is because of Andy Beckstoffer's experience, vision, and respect for the land that each vineyard imparts its own distinct characteristics to the fruit it produces.

**Dr. Crane Vineyard, Las Piedras Vineyard, Bourn Vineyard*

Vintage Notes



The 2023 vintage was exceptional. Harvest began late, running anywhere from two weeks to a full month behind what has become "normal timing". Plentiful winter rains revitalized the soils and encouraged healthy canopies while cooler temperatures across Napa and Sonoma in spring and summer allowed grapes to develop gradually, enjoying extra ripening time. Many varieties reached maturity simultaneously, leading to a compressed harvest. Our first fruit arrived to the winery on September 11th, with the last pick happening on November 3rd. This vintage produced wines with beautiful flavors, vibrant acidity and remarkable balance.

