



2018 Cabernet Sauvignon

Beckstoffer Las Piedras Vineyard - Napa Valley

With a passion for wine and a desire to produce small quantities of handcrafted wines from the most distinctive and promising vineyards in the Napa Valley, Proprietors Julie and Justin Arbuckle formed Anthem Winery in 2009. Anthem's guiding principle is simple- only the highest quality, from vine to bottle.

Crafting Anthem's ultra-premium wines is Winemaker, Jeff Ames. An explosive talent, Jeff has made some of California's most acclaimed wines from some of Napa Valley's most notable vineyards. Estate Vineyard Manager is John Anthony Truchard. John brings a rare skillset as he is an experienced viticulturist, an expert vineyard manager, and personally familiar with Napa's top vineyards.

About the Vineyard

Andy Beckstoffer's Las Piedras Vineyard is one of his six heritage vineyards in the Napa Valley. It has been under vine for over 150 years, with roots tracing back to Mexican land grants. This 22 acre vineyard produces only Cabernet Sauvignon and is located at the foot of Spring Mountain, in the St. Helena AVA. The vineyard takes its name from the gravelly river washed soil, as Las Piedras translates to "little pebbles", in Spanish.

About the Vintage

The 2018 vintage in Napa Valley has been dubbed by wine critics as another remarkable vintage of drinkability and balance. An ideal growing season, followed by a slow and steady harvest allowed grapes to achieve perfect ripeness, resulting in bright fruit flavors, balanced acidity, and concentrated color.

Winemaking

The 2018 Beckstoffer Las Piedras Vineyard Cabernet is comprised of 98.2% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1.5% Petit Verdot, 0.2% Merlot, and 0.1% Cabernet Franc. It is unfined and unfiltered to maintain the natural flavors and aroma of the wine and was barrel fermented in 100% new French Oak for 18 months. It is aged in bottle for an additional 20 months before release, to allow the tannins time to soften. Only 270 cases were produced in 2018.

"The 2018 Beckstoffer Las Piedras Cabernet Sauvignon is a fantastic showing from Anthem in this vintage. It showcases a wonderful aromatic profile consisting of dark cherries, blackberries and dark currants which are woven together with dark chocolate shavings, herbs, spices, tilled-soil and hints of tobacco. On the palate this is just as impressive, boasting a full-bodied texture that is layered and well-structured with big velvety tannins. It goes on impress as it displays outstanding depth and complexity all the way through the long finish. While this is excellent today, it will certainly go on to provide drinking pleasure for many years to come."

-International Wine Report 95 points

