

# 2019 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 these wines is Winemaker, Jeff Ames. An explosive talent, Jeff has made some of California's most acclaimed wines from some of California'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.

#### Vineyard

The Las Piedras Vineyard is owned by Andy Beckstoffer and has been under vine for over 150 years, with roots tracing back to Mexican land grants. This historic, award-winning vineyard was the first vineyard planted to what is now, the St. Helena AVA. It is 22 acres and located at the foot of Spring Mountain, planted only to Cabernet Sauvignon. The vineyard takes its name from the gravelly river washed soil, as Las Piedras translates to "little pebbles", in Spanish.

#### Winemaking

The 2019 Beckstoffer Las Piedras Vineyard Cabernet is comprised of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, clone 337. It is unfined and unfiltered to maintain the natural flavors and aroma of the wine and was barrel fermented in 100% French Oak (60% Daranjou and 40% Taransaud coopers) for 18 months. It is aged in bottle for an additional 20 months before release, allowing ideal development and plush tannins. Just 315 cases of this single vineyard, hand-crafted Cabernet were produced in the 2019 vintage.

#### **Tasting Notes**

This blockbuster Cabernet Sauvignon boasts a show-stopping, deeply pigmented red hue in the glass. It opens with beautiful aromas of black cherry, dark chocolate, and dried bay leaf. The pallet is rich and velvety with juicy blackberry, dark fruit, and light earthy flavors that exhibit exceptional structure and depth. The finish is long and persistent with hints of olive and anise. Drink now through 2039.

95-points, Wine Enthusiast Magazine 94-points, Wine Advocate Magazine



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