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BECKSTOFFER DR. CRANE VINEYARD 2019 VINTAGE

Located in what used to be St. Helena’s “Chinatown” in the 1920s, Beckstoffer Dr. Crane Vineyard sits in a small, residential neighborhood on the west side of town, an unassuming site bordered by an old riverbed and a rock quarry. The vineyard was originally planted in 1858 by San Franciscan Dr. George Belden Crane; today it is owned by Andy Beckstoffer, who replanted it to multiple clones of Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Franc in 1998. Its soils, primarily bale loam and river wash, are extremely rocky and well-drained, and its warm, valley floor microclimate lends itself to the Bordeaux varietals grown here.

When we tasted the 2019 Dr. Crane with wine critic Lisa Perrotti-Brown, she sat back in her chair, sighed, and said with a smile, “Dr. Crane is so consistent, it’s almost boring.” We understand the sentiment. Year in and year out this wine is simply sublime.

Blend: St. Helena AVA. 100% Cabernet Sauvignon.

Vineyard: Beckstoffer Dr. Crane Vineyard

Wine Profile: Once again, Dr. Crane does what Dr. Crane does best: concentrated blue and black fruit, wet stone, hints of graphite and mocha, velvety texture, full bodied and fresh with fine tannins. The wine simply explodes in the mouth, leaving us nearly speechless.

THE STORY BEHIND BECKSTOFFER DR. CRANE

Paying homage to the fact that the Dr. Crane Vineyard was once home to St. Helena’s Chinatown, the artwork for the label was created by a San Francisco artist featuring the ancient Chinese proverb: “When drinking the water, remember the source.” How perfectly this applies to wine!

