



LITHOLOGY

2022 · BECKSTOFFER DR. CRANE VINEYARD · CABERNET FRANC

Located at the base of the western hills in St. Helena, this celebrated vineyard was first planted in 1858 by Dr. George Belden Crane. The vines here are vigorous with extensive leaf coverage as they thrive in the rocky terrain and gravelly loam soils. Producing wines of unparalleled quality and uniqueness, this vineyard is a testament to the excellence of Cabernet Franc.

98 PTS · INTERNATIONAL WINE REPORT

"The 2022 Beckstoffer Dr. Crane Cabernet Franc from Lithology is a striking wine that entices with a complex bouquet of aromas, featuring rich blackberries and luscious black cherries layered with hints of tobacco and a touch of bell pepper that adds a fresh, savory note. The savory herbs and exotic spices weave through the profile, while subtle nuances of graphite and dust evoke the wine's distinctive terroir. On the palate, this full-bodied Cabernet Franc is polished and sophisticated, showcasing a ripe, sweet core that is beautifully concentrated. Each sip reveals a depth of flavor, seamlessly balancing richness with elegance, and culminating in a remarkably long finish that lingers with echoes of dark fruit, savory and spice, making this wine a compelling expression of its varietal and region. A completely stunning wine and a must have for Cab Franc lovers."

LABEL: Quartz amethyst

PRODUCTION: 95 cases

VARIETALS: 96% Cabernet Franc, 4% Cabernet Sauvignon

HARVEST: September 8th, 2022

ALCOHOL: 15.1%

AVA: St. Helena

VINEYARDS: Vineyard blocks CF - A3, CS - A5

FERMENTATION: 100% stainless steel for 19 days

AGEING: 20 months in 70% new French oak

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