

2021 Cabernet Sauvignon

Beckstoffer Las Piedras Vineyard -St. Helena, Napa Valley

Anthem Winery was founded in 2009 by Proprietors Julie and Justin Arbuckle, with the intent of producing the highest quality wine from impeccably farmed, environmentally sustainable vineyards in the most distinctive regions in the Napa Valley. Winemaker Jeff Ames, brings this dream to fruition by utilizing minimal interference winemaking techniques, allowing the wine to highlight the unique attributes of the land in which they are grown.

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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 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 2021 Beckstoffer Las Piedras Vineyard Cabernet is comprised of 100% Cabernet Sauvignon, clone 337. Clusters are whole berry fermented in vat for 15 days and transferred to French Oak barrels (95% new Daranjou and 5% used Taransaud coopers) for 18 months. The wine is unfined and unfiltered to maintain its natural flavors and aroma. It is then aged in the bottle for an additional 20 months before release, to allow the tannins time to soften and settle. Only 330 cases were produced in the 2021 vintage.

Tasting Notes

From the acclaimed Beckstoffer Las Piedras Vineyard, this opulent, plush, fruit bomb Cabernet opens with rich scents of blackberry, caramel, and anise on the nose. On the palate, it illustrates power, finesse, and balance with flavors of dark cherries, plum, chocolate, and fresh earth. The finish is velvety and lengthy, with hints of olive and dried spice along with persistent, structured tannins. Enjoy now through 2041.

97 points, Wine Advocate Magazine95 points, International Wine Report

