

# ALEJANDRO BULGHERONI

## E S T A T E

### 2017 Alejandro Bulgheroni Estate Lithology “Beckstoffer Dr. Crane Vineyard”

Dr. Crane vineyard sits at the base of the western hills of St. Helena. A window into showcasing one of the grapes that gave birth to Cabernet Sauvignon from one of California’s most legendary single-vineyard plots of earth. Napa pioneer, Dr. George Belden Crane, originally planted Dr. Crane Vineyard, in 1858. Acquired by Beckstoffer Vineyards in 1997, the vineyard’s gravelly loam soils were replanted, in 1998, to multiple clones of Cabernet Sauvignon, Petit Verdot, and Cabernet Franc.

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**97**  
POINTS  
DUNNUCK

“Flowery incense, tobacco leaf, crème de cassis, currants, and scorched earth notes all dominate the bouquet of the 2017 Cabernet Sauvignon Lithology Beckstoffer Dr. Crane Vineyard. With classic To Kalon sexiness as well as full-bodied power and richness, it stays beautifully balanced and offers ripe tannins as well as a great finish. It’s another brilliant wine from this estate that’s up with the top handful of wines in the vintage.” *January 31, 2020*

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**97**  
POINTS  
WINE  
ADVOCATE

“Fruit for this was harvested from September 25-29, fermented in oak, stainless and puncheon and aged in 82% new oak. Very deep garnet-purple in color, the 2017 Lithology Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer Dr. Crane Vineyard, containing 5% Petit Verdot, is a tad broody to begin, reluctantly revealing black fruit notions of stewed plums, blackcurrant cordial, dried bay leaves and tree bark with wafts of truffles and iron ore. Full-bodied, the palate has densely packed, taut, muscular black fruits and tons of earthy accents, supported by ripe, fine-grained tannins, finishing long and wonderfully evocative of this incredible vineyard. Bravo! 77 cases were made.” *October 31, 2019*

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**95**  
POINTS  
VINOUS  
GALLONI

“The 2017 Lithology Dr. Crane has developed into a gorgeous, stunning wine. Clone 337 Cabernet yields a wine loaded with red fruit and floral character. Sweet cherry, pomegranate, mint, rose petal and white flowers flesh out in an ample, open-knit Cabernet built on textural resonance and a total sense of seduction. Heady floral overtones emerge on the finish, adding lift and perfume. This is such a pretty and inviting wine.” *January 2020*



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