

ALEJANDRO BULGHERONI

E S T A T E

2016 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.

97+
POINTS
DUNNUCK

“A wine that’s fermented in oak tanks before spending 22 months in 70% new oak, the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Lithology Beckstoffer Dr Crane Vineyard comes from another world-class site on the west side of St. Helena. Revealing a deep, saturated purple color, it’s a ripe, sexy wine that carries awesome depth of fruit as well as concentration. Black fruits, licorice, road tar, and tobacco leaf characteristics as well as some cold fireplace notes all emerge from this backward yet incredibly impressive Cabernet Sauvignon. Give bottles another 2-4 years and it will undoubtedly keep for 2+ decades. There’re a tiny 100 cases made.” *January 31, 2019*

98+
POINTS
WINE
ADVOCATE

“Aged 22 months in 75% new French oak, the very deep garnet-purple colored 2016 Lithology Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer Dr. Crane Vineyard is still very youthful and a little closed on the nose, featuring warm blackberries, cherry preserves, cassis and dark chocolate with hints of sautéed herbs, crushed rocks, iron ore and cigar box. Big, rich and full in the mouth, the palate is taut and muscular at this stage yet shows incredible potential with a firm, ripe, grainy frame and a long, mineral-laced finish. 100 cases produced.” *October 28, 2018*

97
POINTS
VINOUS
GALLONI

The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Lithology Dr. Crane Vineyard is another wine that faithfully captures the essence of this St. Helena site, albeit in a big, full-bodied style. Raspberry jam, wild flowers and white chocolate flesh out in an ample, succulent Cabernet that will tempt drinkers with its early accessibility. The 2016 Dr. Crane is a wine of pure and total pleasure. That’s all there is to it.” *December 2018*



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