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2018 LITHOLOGY “BECKSTOFFER - DR. CRANE VINEYARD” CABERNET SAUVIGNON

“Possibly the wine of the vintage...100 points” is what Jeb Dunnuck wrote earlier this year, and it is certainly one of the greatest bottlings we’ve ever produced. Dr. George B. Crane planted his vineyard in the city of St. Helena back in 1858. Here the Cabernet comes to us typically flawless, and the wines are as such. There is blue fruit, blueberries, black plums, blackberries, and cassis to the aromas, as well as stones, mineral, chocolate, fresh tobacco, and subtle herbs. It is incredibly full-bodied, but at the same time effortlessly drinkable, with ultra-smooth tannins and a positive, long, upturned finish. 70-75% new French oak is the norm for us with Dr. Crane, and those flavors are absorbed to become a vanillin complexity, sweetness, and length. An unbelievable wine. (Less than 300 cases made.)

APPELLATION:	St. Helena
BLEND:	99% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Cabernet Franc
FERMENTATION:	83% Oak, 17% Puncheon
AGING:	20 months in 70% new French Oak
WINEMAKERS:	Philippe Melka, Michel Rolland, Matt Sands
HARVESTED:	10/1/2018 - 10/25/2018
BOTTLING DATE:	6/10/2020



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