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BECKSTOFFER DR. CRANE VINEYARD 2022 VINTAGE

Once again, this Grand Cru site proves that it can withstand the challenges of mother nature and deliver excellent quality despite the heat waves in 2022. In the winery, we sorted significantly to ensure only pristine fruit went into this wine. In most vintages, Beckstoffer To Kalon tends to be a bigger wine in the pair, not the case in this vintage. The 2022 Beckstoffer Dr. Crane is showing incredible structure in its youth. This is the last vintage with Petit Verdot before it was ripped out for replanting.

Blend: St. Helena AVA. Blend of 96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot.

Vineyard: Beckstoffer Dr. Crane Vineyard

Wine Profile: As usual, the fingerprint of this distinctive vineyard comes through loud and clear with beautiful blue and black fruit notes interwoven with hints of graphite and river rock. The approachability of this wine at such a young age belies the massive structure of densely packed layers and lingering tannins.

THE STORY BEHIND BECKSTOFFER DR. CRANE

Paying homage to the fact that the Dr. Crane Vineyard was once home to St. Helena's Chinatown, we commissioned renowned artist Yang Jiechang to create the artwork featured on this label. The work incorporates cranes – known to represent longevity and wisdom in Chinese culture – and a “scholar's rock,” considered a source of energy and an image found in many poems and paintings. At Realm we think of this rock as signifying Dr. Crane's inimitable “sense of place” while the cranes are indicative of the wine's longevity.

