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2019 LITHOLOGY “BECKSTOFFER – DR. CRANE VINEYARD” CABERNET FRANC

As in years past, the 2019 Lithology Beckstoffer Dr. Crane Cabernet Franc is a stunner in the glass with deep saturated dark purple colors. Blackberry cobbler, vanilla, violets and lavender aromas green your nose and start your mouth watering. It has a firm dense mouthfeel of chocolate covered strawberries, fine cocoa, blood orange and brown sugar notes with a faint suggestion of clove cigarette smoke. It showcases an elegant balance of acid while displaying hints of strawberries, citrus rind, fine cocoa, clove and brown sugar. This all is supported by powdery and plush tannins and brought to conclusion with a lengthy, almost perfumed finish. A wine which you can enjoy for years to come.

APPELLATION:	St. Helena
BLEND:	83% Cabernet Franc, 17% Cabernet Sauvignon
FERMENTATION:	85% Stainless, 15% Oak for 20-24 days
AGING:	20 months in 80% new French Oak
WINEMAKERS:	Philippe Melka, Michel Rolland, Matt Sands
HARVESTED:	10/3/2019 - 10/8/2019
BOTTLING DATE:	7/19/2021



VINOUS

“The 2019 Cabernet Franc Lithology Dr. Crane Vineyard offers a good deal of varietal character along with the mid-weight structure that is typical of Dr. Crane. Dried herbs, licorice, spice and blood orange lend striking lift. Even so, I am not sure Franc here can fully carry a wine over the long term. We will see. Regardless, the 2019 is quite striking today.”
- Antonio Galloni

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