



Pont de Chevalier

2009

“LE CHEVALIER” RED WINE

DR. CRANE VINEYARD

WINEMAKER:
Douglas Danielak

APPELLATION:
Napa Valley

VINEYARD:
Beckstoffer Dr. Crane

AGE OF VINES:
13 Years

HARVEST DATE:
October 20, 2009

BOTTLING DATE:
May 18, 2011

RELEASE DATE:
Autumn 2013

CASES PRODUCED:
60

PRICE PER BOTTLE:
\$115

The 25-acre Beckstoffer’s Dr. Crane vineyard is located west of Route 29 in the city of St. Helena, within the St. Helena Appellation. Grown in one of the warmest appellations within the Napa Valley, St. Helena fruit enjoys long, warm summer days and cool Pacific breezes that gently pour down over the Mayacamas Mountains in the late afternoon.

WINEMAKER’S TASTING NOTES:

This Cabernet Franc-dominated blend vividly illustrates the generous ripeness of the 2009 vintage. The nose is full and heady with notes of raspberry coulis, cocoa, pencil shavings, and Christmas spice. The palate is ample and whole; Cabernet Sauvignon provides ripe, rounded mid-palate fruit and sturdy tannins while Petit Verdot contributes an interweaving of black fruit and violets. The finish resonates with macerated sweet cherry, caramel, dark chocolate covered espresso bean, and freshly tilled earth. The interplay of spice, fruit, and French oak make for a complete and textural wine.

WINEMAKING TECHNIQUES:

“Le Chevalier” is winemaker Douglas Danielak’s opportunity to blend Bordeaux varietals to create a sumptuous, symphonic cuvée. The berries were fermented on the skins over seven days before aging for 22 months in 75% new Taransaud barrels.

FOOD PAIRINGS:

Grilled quail with wild rice stuffing and truffles is an impeccable pairing.

BARRELS: 100% French Oak

BLEND: 70% Cabernet Franc,
22% Cabernet Sauvignon,
8% Petit Verdot

MALOLACTIC FERMENTATION: 100%

ALCOHOL: 15.5%

ACIDITY: 0.66g/100ml

pH: 3.87