

Beckstoffer Dr. Crane Vineyard

Alpha Omega

2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer Dr. Crane Vineyard

95 Points

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The 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer Dr. Crane reveals a full-bodied mouthfeel, terrific fruit purity, a skyscraper-like, multidimensional mouthfeel, and lots of blueberry, blackberry and cassis fruit intermixed with wet gravel, graphite and vanillin characteristics. Possibly the most concentrated of all these wines, this is an opulent, magnificent red to drink over the next two decades.

Swiss-born Jean Hoefliger had plenty of experience in Bordeaux and working with Michel Rolland at Newton Vineyards before taking over the reins at Alpha Omega. He has hit pay-dirt with the 2012s, the finest vintage I have tasted from this ambitious winery located on Route 29, south of St. Helena. They have some great vineyard sources for their Cabernet Sauvignon, particularly the range of Beckstoffer-owned, first-growth quality sites spread throughout Napa. - RP