



Beckstoffer Dr. Crane Vineyard

The Debate (Robert McKay)

2012 The Debate Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer Dr. Crane Vineyard

96 Points

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The 2012 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer Dr. Crane Vineyard blew me away. Wet rocks, subtle barbecue smoke, blueberry pie, blackberry and cassis fruit aromas jump from the glass of this inky/purple-colored wine. Oozing with extract and richness, it is full-bodied, opulent, sexy, complex and incredibly delicious and addictive. This stunning 2012 can be drunk now or cellared for another 15+ years.

It is interesting to note on the back labels of these wines that alcohol levels range from 14.8% for the Dr. Crane, 15.1% for the Missouri Hopper, and a whopping 15.9% for the To Kalon. These are three great first-growth vineyards from Andy Beckstoffer. The To Kalon is clearly equal to a first-growth Pauillac, the Dr. Crane to a firstgrowth Graves, and the Missouri Hopper remains to be seen, but it is another potentially fabulous site - RP.

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