

Beckstoffer Las Piedras Vineyard

Anthem

2018 Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer Las Piedras Vineyard

95 Points

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Jeff Ames makes this wine at Anthem, a project started in 2009 by Julie and Justin Arbuckle. The fruit comes from a 22-acre cabernet vineyard at the base of Spring Mountain, a site originally planted to vines in the 1840s. The benchland location and its pebbly soils make it an ideal spot for cabernet, producing this idealized 2018, shining with red fruit through its depths of black-currant freshness. The fruit is sweet but the wine is grounded to the earth, its classical structure a parallel to the muscular energy of a marathon runner. Offering up its grace and substance if you approach it now, this will only gain momentum for many years to come. -JG

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