## THE DEBATE



96 Points

**Robert Parker** 

## 2012 Beckstoffer Dr.Crane Vineyard, St Helena

*Color:* Deep dark black cherry with brilliant purple on the rim.

On the nose: Explosion of ripe fruit like cassis, blueberries and dark black cherries with touches of grenadine, Cayenne Pepper and minerality. On the palate: Great velvety entrance evolving on a velvet candy like rose, cassis, lingering on plums, finishing on a great tannic frame.

Dr. Crane is situated on the west side of St Helena which has gravelly loamy soils and a very warm climate. Of all the sites, Dr. Crane is the warmest, and has the most extracted style. Because of this the wine has a very rich and velvety palate with candied fruit on the finish.

Varietal: 100% Cabernet Sauvignong Vineyards: 100% Beckstoffer Dr.Crane Fermentation: 100% Barrel Fermented 22 months 100% French Oak 80% new

Case Production: 200
Harvest Date: 10/4/12

**Brix**: 27.7