



CONN CREEK
N A P A V A L L E Y

2014 Cabernet Sauvignon Rutherford Estate

"NAPA" IS A NATIVE AMERICAN WORD FOR PLENTY, AND THERE COULD NOT BE A MORE APPROPRIATE WORD WHEN IT COMES TO THE COMPLEXITY AND FLAVOR OF CONN CREEK WINES. WE ACHIEVE THIS BY SOURCING FROM PRIZED VINEYARDS IN NEARLY ALL OF NAPA VALLEY'S RENOWNED SUB-APPELLATIONS. WHILE EACH AVA CONTRIBUTES DIFFERENT CHARACTERISTICS TO THE MASTER BLENDS, THEY ALSO REVEAL A CERTAIN BEAUTY ON THEIR OWN. EACH YEAR, WE SHOWCASE THE MOST DISTINCTIVE APPELLATION WINES AS PART OF OUR LIMITED-PRODUCTION AVA CABERNET SAUVIGNON SERIES.

[TASTING NOTES]

"Red and black mixed berries with a touch of plum. Lightly toasted spice and vanilla accent the fruit. The aromas make a poised and seamless transition to the palate."

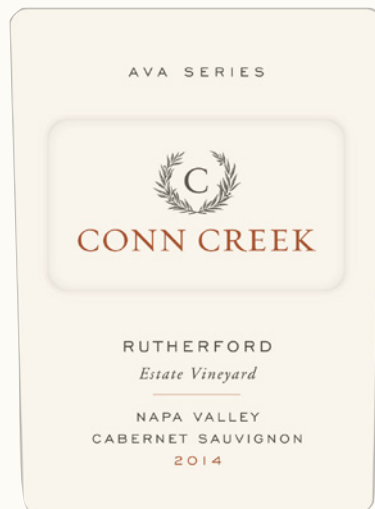
— Elizabeth DeLouise-Gant, Winemaker

[VINEYARDS & VINTAGE]

- 2014 was the earliest vintage in many years. Spring arrived early and kick-started vine growth resulting in an advanced harvest timetable. Moderate to warm temperatures throughout the growing season encouraged steady, even ripening and permitted picking at the peak of flavor development.
- The Estate vineyard at Conn Creek is 2.2 acres of well drained gravelly loam. Three clones of Cabernet Sauvignon are distributed in four small blocks. Doug Wight and his experienced vineyard management team farm the site to Winemaker Elizabeth DeLouise-Gant's specifications.

[WINEMAKING]

- Hand harvested fruit was destemmed and the individual berries sorted by optical technology to optimize berry maturity and uniformity.
- A combination of gentle pumpovers and delestage at critical intervals balanced extraction of ripe tannins and preservation of fresh fruit flavors. Pressed at dryness with malolactic fermentation completed in barrels.
- 20 months of barrel aging took place in 60% new French oak.



BLEND:

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

BARREL AGING:

20 months, French oak (60% new)

ALCOHOL:

14.5%

TOTAL ACIDITY:

0.59 g/100mL

PH:

3.82

CASES PRODUCED:

250

ELIZABETH DELOUISE-GANT, WINEMAKER