



2007 Napa Valley Anthology

CONN CREEK IS A BOUTIQUE WINERY ON THE SILVERADO TRAIL IN THE RUTHERFORD DISTRICT. FOR NEARLY 40 YEARS, THE WINERY HAS FOCUSED ON CABERNET SAUVIGNON AND BORDEAUX-STYLED WINES. OUR FLAGSHIP WINE – ANTHOLOGY – IS NAMED FOR A GREEK WORD THAT REFERS TO A COLLECTION OF LITERARY OR ARTISTIC WORKS AND IT APTLY DESCRIBES OUR APPROACH TO CRAFTING THIS WINE. WE SOURCE FRUIT FROM A COLLECTION OF NAPA VALLEY'S FINEST VINEYARDS AND DIVERSE AVAS FOR GROWING BORDEAUX VARIETIES. THE AVAS ARE LIKE A GOURMET PANTRY OF SPICES: EACH ONE CONTRIBUTES DISTINCT CHARACTERISTICS TO THE BLEND, RESULTING IN A WINE OF GENEROUS FLAVORS WITH LAYERS OF DEPTH AND COMPLEXITY.

[TASTING NOTES]

In keeping with tradition, our 2007 Anthology blend includes all five Bordeaux varieties to create an elegant, rich, and approachable wine reminiscent of a warm berry pie. This wine delivers a spiced-laden bouquet of berries, violets and vanilla. Juicy and unctuous, the fruity and floral flavors blossom with time in the glass, and finish with an exotic spiciness that will leave you wanting another glass. This wine benefits from decanting and continues evolving over the course of a meal and into a good movie.

[VINEYARDS & VINTAGE]

- A dry winter led to an early bud break and a temperate, rain-free spring. Warm temperatures in mid-August hastened ripening temporarily, but an unusually cool September and early October slowed maturation so that Bordeaux varieties ripened steadily and slowly. The effects of the 2007 climate were balanced ripeness, nice natural acidity, and mature, developed tannins.
- Sourcing grapes from nearly all of Napa Valley's appellations provides us with many alternatives when it comes to crafting our flagship wine. The 2007 Anthology includes vineyard lots selected from the following appellations:

Cabernet Sauvignon: Atlas Peak (Stagecoach), Stags Leap District, Howell Mountain (Hughes), St. Helena (Collins), Oakville (Stanton), Calistoga (Frediani), Yountville (Herrick), Carneros (Truchard), Chiles Valley (Eisele)

Cabernet Franc: St. Helena (Carpenter), Atlas Peak (Stagecoach), Spring Mountain

Merlot: St. Helena (Collins), Atlas Peak (Stagecoach)

Petit Verdot: Yountville (Tall Trees)

Malbec: Pope Valley (Rodeno)

[WINEMAKING]

- A blend of all five Bordeaux varieties, selected from 38 separate vineyard lots. Vineyard lots were vinified and aged separately. Only the best barrels from each lot were selected for the final blend.
- A light egg white fining preceded bottling to mollify the structure and enhance the graceful power of the finished blend.
- Aged in barrel for 28 months in 40% new French oak.



BLEND:

62% Cabernet Sauvignon
20% Merlot
9% Malbec
6% Cabernet Franc
3% Petit Verdot

BARREL AGING:

28 months in French Oak (40% new)

ALCOHOL: 14.5 %

TOTAL ACIDITY: 0.61 g/100mL

PH: 3.58

CASE PRODUCTION: 3,205 cases

SRP: \$55

FOOD PAIRINGS: Beef Bourignon,
Grilled Lamb Chops

Michael McGrath

MIKE MCGRATH, WINEMAKER