



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

2013 Malbec Red Hills

CONN CREEK IS A BOUTIQUE WINERY ON THE SILVERADO TRAIL IN THE RUTHERFORD DISTRICT, BEST KNOWN FOR OUR FLAGSHIP CABERNET SAUVIGNON, ANTHOLOGY. IN SEARCH OF THE BEST GRAPES TO CREATE THIS WINE, WE DISCOVERED MANY EXCEPTIONAL SINGLE-VINEYARD SITES. FROM THESE VINEYARDS, WE ALSO SHOWCASE SOME OF THE BEST OF THE BORDEAUX VARIETALS GROWN IN THE REGION, INCLUDING THIS ENTICING MALBEC, PRODUCED IN LIMITED QUANTITIES.

[TASTING NOTES]

“Vibrant red berries and ripe plums. Toasted grain and spices with a touch of cocoa. Lush yet lively, fruit and savory elements wrap together seamlessly.” —Mike McGrath, Winemaker

[VINEYARDS & VINTAGE]

- The 2013 vintage saw warm weather in early spring that jump started vine development. Bloom occurred soon after to set the stage for an early harvest. Moderate temperatures the rest of the growing season encouraged steady, even ripening and permitted picking at the peak of flavor development. The vintage shows power and concentration promising excellent aging potential.
- Snows Lake Vineyard sits above 2000 feet in elevation at the north end of the Mayacamas Range. The iron rich red volcanic soils are ideal for wine grapes. The high altitude moderates temperature swings to provide a first class vineyard site.

[WINEMAKING]

- Clusters were de-stemmed and fermented with 75% whole berries to help promote fruit expression.
- 10% of the juice was drawn off in a “saignée” to concentrate the fruit character and deepen the color.
- Pump-overs in combination with delestage at the peak of fermentation control temperatures for optimal fruit expression and tannin extraction.
- The wine was barrel aged for 21 months in 46% new French and 27% new American oak barrels with the balance in previously filled French oak.

[FOOD PAIRING]

- Grilled Grass-fed Rib Eye
- Lamb Brochette
- Seared Venison Loin



RED HILLS LAKE COUNTY

MALBEC
2013

BLEND:

86% Malbec
14% Cabernet Sauvignon

ALCOHOL:

14.8%

TOTAL ACIDITY:

0.52g/100mL

PH:

3.69

CASE PRODUCTION:

525

Michael McGrath

MIKE MCGRATH, WINEMAKER