



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

2014 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 cherries and ripe plums open into lush tannins blended with fruit and savory elements.”

—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.
- Snows Lake Vineyard sits above 2,000 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 the saignée method 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 18 months in 36% new oak barrels with the balance in previously used oak.

[FOOD PAIRING]

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



RED HILLS LAKE COUNTY

MALBEC
2014

BLEND:

97% Malbec

ALCOHOL:

14.5%

TA:

0.57 g/100mL

PH:

3.97

CASE PRODUCTION:

238

ELIZABETH DELOUISE-GANT,
WINEMAKER