



2015 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon Stags Leap District

"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]

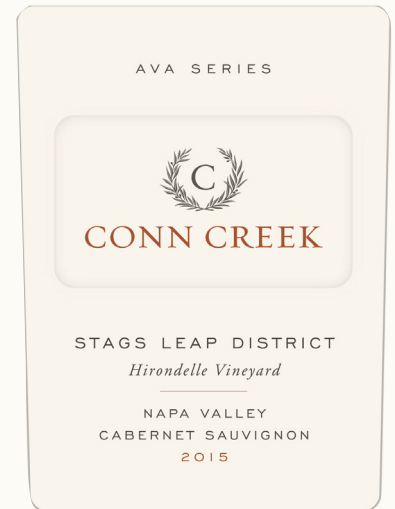
"Floral, cedar and sweet tobacco notes expand into a savory broad mix of black and red fruits. The finish lingers with baking spices." — Elizabeth DeLouise-Gant, Winemaker

[VINEYARDS & VINTAGE]

- 2015 was a vintage of extremes and was amongst the earliest vintages in many years. An early spring kick-started vine growth, resulting in an advanced harvest timetable. A cold wet spell interfered with flowering thereby reducing the crop size. The small berries ripened early and yielded concentrated wines.
- Hironnelle Vineyard is located in the southeastern-most area of the Stags Leap District appellation. This ideal climate has warm afternoons and draws in cool breezes from the San Pablo Bay in the evenings. The graveling loam soils produce mature black fruit and broad velvety tannins.

[WINEMAKING]

- Hand harvested fruit was gently destemmed to retain 80% whole berries.
- A combination of gentle pump-overs and careful racking at critical intervals balanced extraction of ripe tannins and preservation of fresh fruit flavors. Pressed at dryness with malolactic fermentation completed in barrels.
- 16 months of barrel aging took place in 60% new French oak.



BLEND:

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

BARREL AGING:

16 months in 60% new French oak

ALCOHOL:

14.5%

TA:

5.7 g/L

PH:

3.78

CASES PRODUCED:

225

ELIZABETH DELOUISE-GANT, WINEMAKER