

# 2015 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon St. Helena

"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 SOME OF THE MOST DISTINCTIVE APPELLATION WINES AS PART OF OUR LIMITED-PRODUCTION AVA CABERNET SAUVIGNON SERIES.

# [TASTING NOTES]

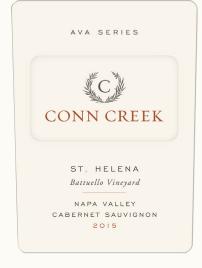
"Ripe blackberries, vanilla and light touch of black pepper. Refined tannins frame the palate with a soft finish." — Elizabeth DeLouise-Gant, Winemaker

#### [VINEYARDS & VINTAGE]

- 2015 was a vintage of extremes and was amongst the earliest vintages in many years. Spring arrived early and 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.
- Battuello Vineyard is a fourth-generation, family-run vineyard in St. Helena. The current patriarch (Craig) and his sons (Dave and Mark) meticulously farm the vineyard. Known for an impeccable farming style, each block is farmed individually.

## [WINEMAKING]

- Hand harvested fruit was gently destemmed to retain 75% whole berries.
- A combination of gentle pump-overs 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.
- 16 months of barrel aging took place in both French and American Oak.



### BLEND:

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

#### ALCOHOL:

14.5%

#### TA:

6.0~G/L

#### PH:

3.68

#### CASE PRODUCTION:

225

ELIZABETH DELOUISE-GANT, WINEMAKER