



2015 Cabernet Sauvignon Calistoga

"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]

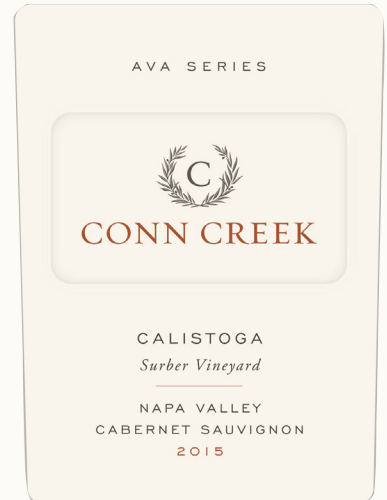
"Floral and cedar notes expand into a savory broad mix of black and red fruits. The finish lingers with a light spice." — Elizabeth DeLouise-Gant, Winemaker

[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.
- Surber Vineyard is situated near the Palisades, northeast of Calistoga. The sandy soils slope northwest toward the mouth of Jericho Canyon. The adjacent mountains encourage daytime breezes which mitigate the typical warmth of the northern valley and promote a longer growing season.

[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.
- 17 months of barrel aging took place in 60% new French oak.



BLEND:

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

BARREL AGING:

17 months in 60% new French oak

ALCOHOL:

15.0%

TA:

5.5 g/L

PH:

3.69

CASES PRODUCED:

225

ELIZABETH DELOUISE-GANT, WINEMAKER