



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

2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Diamond Mountain 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]

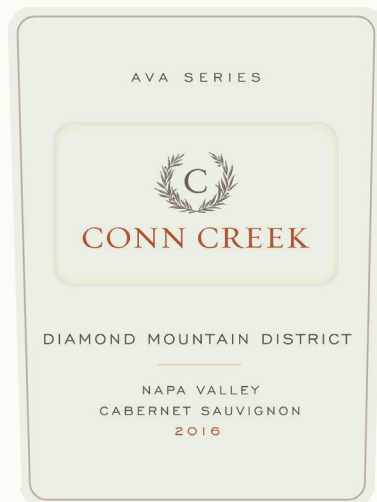
"Ripe blackberries with heavy purple floral notes. Broad tobacco leaf entry punctuated with spice notes resolves into a rich elegant finish." — Elizabeth DeLouise-Gant, Winemaker

[VINEYARDS & VINTAGE]

- 2016 was a return to more typical weather conditions for Napa Valley. Spring was frost-free without any heat spells or excess rain. Midsummer was temperate and steady. A series of warm days in September progressed ripening.
- This block is from the Sori Bricco Vineyard, which has a southwestern exposure. Vine training is on a split canopy with 45 degree crossarms, which enhance fruit exposure and air circulation. It provides enough shade to avoid sunburn, yet optimal sun penetration for full ripening of the small berries.

[WINEMAKING]

- Hand harvested fruit was gently destemmed to retain 75% 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.
- 18 months of barrel aging took place in 45% new French oak.



BLEND:

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

ALCOHOL:

14.6%

TA:

5.3 g/L

PH:

3.90

CASES PRODUCED:

217

ELIZABETH DELOUISE-GANT, WINEMAKER