

## 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon Spring Mountain

"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]

"Red raspberries with light underlying rose petals. Broad rich tannins, round out spices through the 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.
- Joan Crowley's vineyard is perched high above the Valley on the ridgeline at the extreme western edge of Napa County. The vineyards sits in a saddle that subtly changes the aspect and exposure as the rows run from South to North. Biodynamic principles guide the farming.

## [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.
- 18 months of barrel aging took place in 40% new French oak.



BLEND: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

alcohol: 14.8%

та: 5.5 g/L

РН: *3.77* 

CASES PRODUCED: 309

ELIZABETH DELOUISE-GANT, WINEMAKER