



Conn Creek®

N A P A V A L L E Y

Conn Creek is a boutique winery on the Silverado Trail in the Rutherford district, best known for our Bordeaux blend Anthology. In search of the best grapes to create this blend, we discovered many exceptional single-vineyards sites throughout Napa Valley. Today, Conn Creek sources fruit from prized vineyards in nearly all of Napa Valley's 14 renowned sub-appellations. From these vineyards, we produce a small quantity of Cabernet Franc which has developed a cult-like following.

TASTING NOTES

"Inviting aromas of black plum and jam are laced with caramel and sandalwood spice. A dense, generous palate of ripe cherries, chocolate, and espresso-like tannins finishes the experience with a bold richness. Powerful and generous, this wine will offer pleasure through 2012."

Mike McGrath, Winemaker

VINTAGE & VINEYARDS

2006 started with abundant rainfall and above average soil moisture which led to heavy vine growth and crop set. The growing season was defined by periods of above average temperatures early on and cooler temperatures during the *veraison* season. Long days of temperate weather during harvest resulted in full flavor maturity on a healthy crop.

The fruit for this Cabernet Franc comes predominantly from Stagecoach Vineyard on Atlas Peak (74%). Located at an elevation of 1420 feet, this vineyard bud-breaks earlier but matures more slowly and more evenly than those sites on the valley floor. To round out the tannins and build fruit character, we blended fruit from the Collins Holystone Vineyard which is located on the valley floor north of St. Helena. This vineyard is owned by Bill Collins, our founder, so it holds a special place in Conn Creek's heritage.

THE WINEMAKING

- Ripe fruit was de-stemmed and fermented with 20-25% whole berries, to round out tannins and optimize fruit expression.
- Cap management included rack & returns when the grapes reached 15 brix to dissipate high "cap" temperatures and remove seeds, enhancing fruit characters and mitigating aggressive tannins.
- The wine was barrel aged for 26 months in French oak barrels (35% new).



THE STATS

Harvest dates:	October 4-13, 2006
Blend:	100% Cabernet Franc
Fermentation:	8 days Premier Cuvée yeast
Alcohol:	14.8%
Total acidity:	0.54 g/100 ml
pH:	3.85
Case Production:	532 cases
Blend:	74% Stagecoach Vineyard (Atlas Peak) 26% Collins Holystone Vineyard (St. Helena)