



# Conn Creek

## 1999 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

N A P A V A L L E Y

### WINEMAKER'S TASTING NOTES

"Intense aromas of black cherry, cassis and plum are tinged with vanilla, anise and pepper. This is a luscious, full-bodied, well-balanced wine packed with flavors of ripe plum, blackberry, oak and mocha with a lingering, velvety finish. This is a classic Napa Valley Cabernet."

*-Tom Montgomery, Winemaker*

### THE VINEYARDS

- The 1999 growing season was warm, with delayed ripening, late harvest and low crop levels.
- Grapes were allowed to hang on the vines longer for increased maturity, resulting in intense, ripe fruit character.
- Sourced from mature Napa Valley vineyards with low crop levels, sparse clusters and small individual berries producing intense, concentrated flavors and aromas.
- Collins vineyard, Conn Creek's original vineyard, provided the backbone of the 1999 bottling.

### THE WINEMAKING

- Gravity was used for racking to protect the wine's aromas and flavors.
- Individual vineyard lots were barrel aged separately for 26 months in equal parts new and one-year-old French oak.
- The final blend was aged for an additional 12 months in the bottle prior to its release.

### THE FOOD

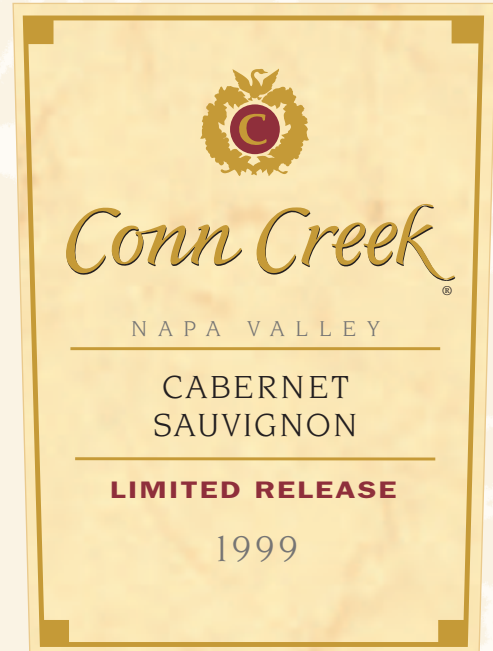
- Grilled lamb
- Braised short ribs
- Roasted eggplant lasagna

### THE ACCLAIM

**90 pts.**  
*Wine Enthusiast* (1998 vintage)

**91 pts.**  
*Wine Spectator* (1997 vintage)

☆☆☆☆, "Highly Recommended"  
*Decanter* (1996 vintage)



### THE STATS

Blend: 100% Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon  
 Total acidity: 0.65g/100 ml  
 pH: 3.54  
 Alcohol: 14.5%

