



Conn Creek

N A P A V A L L E Y

1997 ANTHOLOGY

Winemaker's Tasting Notes: "Anthology is tailored for elegance and complexity, combining Bordeaux varieties from some of the Napa Valley's finest vineyards. Although approachable and enjoyable in its youth, its deep, rich character promises years of rewarding bottle age."

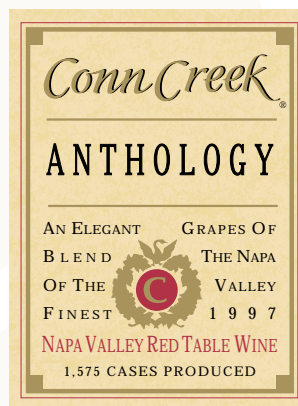
– Tom Montgomery, Winemaker

Nose: Classic Cabernet Sauvignon aromas of plum, cassis and black cherry are enhanced by the addition of Merlot, Cabernet Franc, and time in French oak. The resulting collage yields sweet spice, anise, leather, dusty earth, and hints of Grandpa's cedar cigar box.

Palate: Rich and luscious, the '97 Anthology is replete with flavors of marinated cherry, blueberry, ripe plum, vanilla, and toasty oak, which linger in the silky finish. This is a medium-to-full bodied vintage that will shine particularly brightly alongside hearty meat dishes and strong cheeses.

Grapes: Fruit for Anthology is sourced from select Napa Valley vineyards that have a proven track record of producing Bordeaux varieties of outstanding intensity and complexity. The 1997 growing season in the Napa Valley was characterized by early budbreak, a consistently warm ripening season, and an early, abundant harvest, yielding large quantities of great-tasting fruit.

Winemaking: Once at the winery, the grapes received the utmost care. From vineyard to cellar, minimal handling and gentle winemaking practices were employed to preserve the unique character of each individual lot. Varieties and vineyard lots were vinified and aged separately. Ongoing evaluation and tasting ensured that only the best barrels from each lot were selected for the final blend. In this case, the best balance was achieved by blending 67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 21% Merlot, and 12% Cabernet Franc. The wine then spent 21 months in equal parts new and 1-year-old French oak, and 12 months in the bottle prior to its release.



FERMENTATION & AGING DATA:

Yeast *Pasteur Red*
Length of fermentation *10 to 14 days*

BOTTLING DATA:

Total acidity *0.65 g/100 ml*
pH..... *3.49*
Alcohol..... *14.3%*

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