



# CONN CREEK

## *Cabernet Sauvignon Special Selection*

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Founded in 1973 by Bill and Kathy Collins with an enduring commitment to Bordeaux-style red wines, Conn Creek is one of the few Napa Cabernet programs built explicitly around comparative terroir – a philosophy made physical in its celebrated AVA Room blending experience and embodied commercially in its AVA Series. From its origins on the Silverado Trail in Rutherford, through decades of critical acclaim beginning with the legendary 1974 Eisele Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon, Conn Creek has championed the idea that Cabernet is not one thing called “Napa” but a spectrum of sites, exposures, soils, and temperatures – each legible in the glass. Now, over fifty years on, under the direction of acclaimed winemaker Jean Hoefliger, Conn Creek continues to source grapes from some of Napa’s most renowned AVAs, crafting wines that are as much about where they come from as how they are made.

The Special Selection is the purest commercial expression of Conn Creek’s founding philosophy: Cabernet as cartography. Fruit is sourced from seven of Napa’s most distinguished AVAs – Mt. Veeder, Oakville, St. Helena, Howell Mountain, Rutherford, Atlas Peak, and Spring Mountain – each contributing a distinct voice to the final blend. This multi-appellation approach mirrors the comparative method that made the AVA Room famous, translated into a single bottling. The wine is aged in 70% new French oak at a production of just twenty barrels, a scale that allows winemaker Elizabeth DeLouise-Gant to evaluate and blend each lot individually.

*“The nose presents enticing blackberry aromas, complemented by tobacco, cedar, and graphite notes. On the palate, it’s medium to full-bodied, featuring blackberry and cherry flavors with hints of spiced plums. Vanilla-tinged oak and subtle mocha add depth. Fine tannins provide structure, leading to a finish marked by chalky minerality. This wine balances richness with elegance, embodying the quality of its prestigious origins.”*

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### **APPELLATION**

*Napa Valley*

### **BLEND**

*100% Cabernet Sauvignon*

### **SOURCED AVAS**

*Mt. Veeder, Oakville,  
St. Helena, Howell Mountain,  
Rutherford, Atlas Peak,  
Spring Mountain*

### **COOPERAGE**

*70% French New Oak*

### **PRODUCTION**

*20 Barrels*

### **WINEMAKER**

*Elizabeth DeLouise-Gant*

## **ACCOLADES**

**95** – 2019, *Decanter*

