



# CONN CREEK

## *Class of '73 Cabernet Sauvignon*

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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 pinnacle of the Conn Creek portfolio and a direct homage to the winery’s 1973 founding, Class of '73 is a Bordeaux-style blend of Cabernet Sauvignon (85%), Merlot (10%), and Petit Verdot (5%). The wine receives an exceptionally extended thirty-two months of barrel aging in 60% new French oak from Nadalie, Boutes, and Radoux – the longest élevage in the Conn Creek range, designed to build the structural architecture required of a wine intended for serious cellaring. Production is held to sixteen barrels. The debut vintage marked Jean Hoefliger’s first full statement as Conn Creek’s winemaker, setting the standard for the house’s top cuvée going forward.

*“Entrancing aromatics of lilacs and cocoa powder, with lingering scents of black plums that pull you into the glass. Luscious and luxurious in the mouth, with a focused minerality, and accents of crème de cassis, blackberries, Luxardo cherries, and heady kirsch, with flourishes of roasted Herbs de Provence, cascading into a powerful finish of finely polished tannins and a mouth-filling decadence. The classical bearing and never-ending pedigree of the great 2021 vintage makes this a first release beyond our dreams – and yet, entirely within your reach.”*

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### **APPELLATION**

*Napa Valley*

### **BLEND**

*85% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
10% Merlot, 5% Petit Verdot*

### **COOPERAGE**

*60% French New Oak  
(Nadalie, Boutes, Radoux)*

### **AGING**

*32 months in barrel*

### **PRODUCTION**

*16 Barrels*

### **WINEMAKER**

*Jean Hoefliger*

### **WINERY SRP**

*\$150*

## **ACCOLADES**

**97** – 2021, *Decanter*

**97** – 2021, *The Wine Independent*

**94** – 2021, *James Suckling*

