



CONN CREEK

Cuvée Collins Cabernet Sauvignon

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.

Named for the founders of Conn Creek, Cuvée Collins is a classically styled Bordeaux blend anchored by Cabernet Sauvignon (90.4%), with Cabernet Franc (5%) contributing aromatic lift and Malbec (4.6%) adding color and mid-palate weight. The wine spends twenty-six months in 60% new French oak from the coopers Nadalie, Boutes, and Radoux – houses selected for their tight grain and restrained toast profiles. At just sixteen barrels, the wine is produced at a scale that allows Jean Hoefliger to treat each variety and lot as a separate composition before final assembly.

“This cool and expressive wine delights the senses with cool mint and bay laurel, uplifted with high-toned flavors of red raspberry, pomegranate, and crisp plum. As the wine opens in the glass, richer notes of blackberries and smoked cedar awaken, with percolating hints of clove and toasted peppercorns from the wine’s 26 months in barrel. A singularly impressive bottling that really showcases Napa’s unique terroir, and the exceptional age-worthy capabilities of her finest Cabernet Sauvignons.”

APPELLATION

Napa Valley

BLEND

*90.4% Cabernet Sauvignon,
5% Cabernet Franc,
4.6% Malbec*

COOPERAGE

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

PRODUCTION

16 Barrels

WINEMAKER

Jean Hoefliger

WINERY SRP

\$130

ACCOLADES

96 – 2021, *The Wine Independent*

95 – 2021, *Decanter*

93 – 2021, *James Suckling*

