



Conn Creek

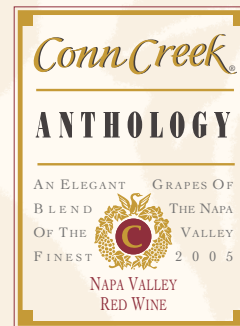
2005 ANTHOLOGY

N A P A V A L L E Y

Anthology is a Greek word that refers to a collection of literary works. And like a collection of inspired words or poetry, Conn Creek Anthology is made from a selection of Napa Valley's finest vineyards and diverse AVA's for growing Bordeaux varieties.

TASTING NOTES

Expressive and complex, the 2005 blend opens with an alluring aroma of ripe black plum, warm berry pie, and caramel. Supple and elegantly structured, the flavors build on the black fruit and silky spice core. A long finish is accentuated with ripe berry flavors and crème brûlée richness. *-Mike McGrath, Winemaker*



VINTAGE & VINEYARDS

2005 was a bountiful harvest, creating aromatic and flavorful wines due to the extremely long growing and maturity seasons. The resulting wines possess vivid aromas and fruitful flavors.

Cabernet Sauvignon vineyards:

Collins › *St. Helena*
Stagecoach › *Atlas Peak*
Surber › *Calistoga*
Volker Eisele Family Vineyard › *Chiles Valley*
Truchard › *Carneros*

Cabernet Franc vineyards:

Carpenter › *St. Helena*
Collins › *St. Helena*

Merlot vineyards:

Collins › *St. Helena*
Stagecoach › *Atlas Peak*

Petit Verdot & Malbec vineyards:

Herrick › *Yountville*

WINEMAKING

- Vineyard lots were vinified and aged separately, and only the best barrels from each lot were selected for the final blend.
- The wine is a blend of 28 separate vineyard lots.
- Barrel aged for 28 months, 14 months as individual lots and 14 months as the blend, in equal parts new and one-year-old French oak barrels.
- Fining before bottling softened tannins to produce the supple character that Anthology is known for, while maintaining good structure for aging.
- Aged for an additional 12 months in the bottle prior to release.

*A Napa Valley Blend
Cabernet Sauvignon 76%, Merlot 10%, Malbec 8%,
Petit Verdot 4%, and Cabernet Franc 2%*

STATS

First Harvest Date:	September 12, 2005
Blend:	76% Cabernet Sauvignon 10% Merlot 8% Malbec 4% Petit Verdot 2% Cabernet Franc
Total Acidity:	0.63g/100ml
pH:	3.72
Alcohol:	14.5%
Case Production:	5,029

HERITAGE OF ACCLAIM

- 90 pts. *Connoisseur's Guide to California Wine* (2003 vintage)
- 93 pts. *Wine & Spirits* (2002 vintage)
- 92 pts. *Wine Enthusiast* (2000 vintage)
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