



# 2015 | SUSPENSE

COLUMBIA VALLEY A.V.A.  
CONNER LEE VINEYARD

Our most floral reserve wine displays the ripe cassis, cherries and dried rose petal aromas of perfectly ripened Cabernet Franc. Generous and smooth textured, our luscious blend shows off the best of our 2015 vintage Cabernet Franc supported by its classic Merlot complement.

## VINTAGE

Vintage 2015 was hot and dry, like 2007, from late spring through to final days of harvest. Due to the early flowering and a hot June, vines produced tiny grapes. The small crop ripened early in the Fall with a high skin-to-juice ratio yielding black-colored wines dense with richness and tannin. 2015 in Washington is both lovely young and age worthy for decades with the density of glycerin, tannin and perfumed fruit.

## WINEMAKING

We machine harvested the Merlot with the most advanced Pellenc Selectif Harvester on September 15 and hand harvested the Cabernet Franc on September 25. We fermented for twelve days in 2 and 4-ton fermenters developing powerful extraction of flavors and tannins. Fermentation finished in puncheons and traditional Bordeaux barrels where we aged on lees in a modern style developing savory tones complementary to the powerful fruit. After 16 months, we blended and bottled our favorite barrel selection for this vibrant and youthful blend. Egg white fined and filtered for clarity at bottling, this rich wine will age for a decade or more. Enjoy with a host of foods throughout the seasons.

## APPELLATIONS & VINEYARDS

Columbia Valley 100% | 100% Conner Lee

## FINAL BLEND

83% Cabernet Franc  
17% Merlot

## AGING

Aged 18 months  
in 25% new French  
puncheons and barriques

**CASES PRODUCED** 1,105 6-pack cases/750mL

**TECHNICAL DATA** Bottled: Spring 2017 • Alcohol: 14.8% by volume

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