



2004 Elivette

Appellation: Napa Valley–Spring Mountain District
Estate Grown and Bottled

Assemblage: Cabernet Sauvignon 80%,
Petit Verdot 9%, Merlot 7%
Cabernet Franc 4%,

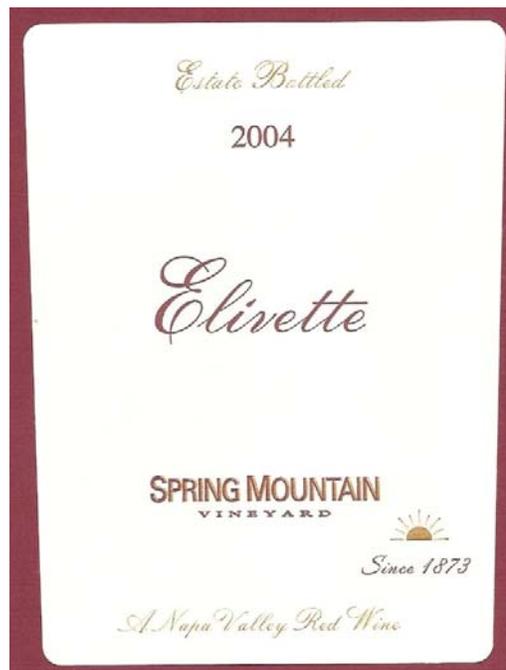
Alcohol: 14.4%

Aging: 22 Months in French Oak

Bottled: August 2006

Release: September 2008

Production: 3,419 Cases



Winemaker Notes

Potent aromas of chocolate and raspberry jam laced with baking spices make an enticing first impression, lavishly surrounded by floral notes of lavender and violet, and supported by earthy, mineral notes. The wine offers an elegant, seamless, full-bodied attack with loads of cocoa, blackberry and black cherry fruit. Malleable tannins fill the palate and give a well-proportioned shape to the wine. Structured in the style of classic Bordeaux, this wine will age gracefully for 10 to 20 years. In its youth, it will benefit from decanting.

2004 Vintage

The 2004 vintage stands out as memorable, with fruit that bears the imprint of an early spring, and a slow and steady ripening period that ended several weeks ahead of traditional harvest timelines. Warm, consistent summer weather was bracketed by an early spring bud break and several late summer hot spells, creating growing conditions that allowed for one of the earliest harvest periods in almost a decade, and an unusual opportunity for making outstanding wine.

Spring Mountain Vineyard

Spring Mountain Vineyard is an 850-acre estate on the eastern slopes of Spring Mountain. Over 225 acres of the estate are planted to vine, representing 135 distinct hillside vineyard blocks with many soil types, exposures, and microclimates. Originally four individual 19th century Napa Valley vineyards, Miravalle, Alba, Chevalier and La Perla are now one vineyard producing exclusively estate grown wines. A substantial portion of the vineyard is planted in densities of over 4,000 vines per acre. Because of the diverse and challenging terrain, the vines are trained to the ancient *gobelet* form, a vertical trellising method invented in an earlier millennium by the Romans. Growing primarily Bordeaux grape varieties, the vineyard yields distinctive mountain wines of concentration, elegance and longevity. The ultimate viticultural and artistic expression of the vineyard is *Elivette*.