



## 2005 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

**Appellation:** Napa Valley-Spring Mountain District  
Estate Grown and Bottled

**Assemblage:** Cabernet Sauvignon 90%,  
Petit Verdot 6%, Cabernet Franc 4%

**Alcohol:** 14.7%

**Aging:** 22 Months in French Oak

**Bottled:** August 2007

**Release:** May 2009

**Production:** 3,954 Cases



### Winemaker Notes

The 2005 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon is laden with loads of chocolate and rich, ripe fruit, specifically blackberry, cherry and plum. The palate is bright, full-bodied and balanced. Jammy fruit, toasted oak and hints of licorice and spice round out the wine. Decant to release the abundant flavors and aromas of this youthful and vibrant cabernet.

### 2005 Vintage

The 2005 vintage gave us graceful wines of stature and quality. In many ways, it bears a marked resemblance to the bountiful 1997 vintage. The growing season began with plentiful springtime rainfall and cool temperatures that slowed veraison. Summer temperatures were very warm with a few heat spikes in July, followed by moderate weather through November, allowing for slow and even ripening. Harvest began on September 20 – more than a month later than 2004 – and concluded with a final day of picking on November 8.

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 that consistently display concentration, elegance and longevity. The quintessential wine from the estate is *Elivette*.