

2006 Elivette

Appellation:	Napa Valley-Spring Mountain District Estate Grown and Bottled
Assemblage:	Cabernet Sauvignon 92%, Petit Verdot 3%, Cabernet Franc 5%
Alcohol:	14.2%
Aging:	21 Months in French Oak - 85% new - Taransaud, Saury, Quintessence, Le Grand and Darnajou
Bottled:	September 9-12, 2008
Release:	October 2010
Production:	3,500 Cases



Tasting Notes from Winemaker Jac Cole

An effusive marriage of fruit and floral aromas dominate the nose of this signature release. The pungent perfume of raspberry, cranberry and red currant meld with the more ethereal essences of violet and lavender. The purity of these aromas is amply supported by the rich elements of cocoa, cassis and black tea that linger across the palate. The mouth feel is firm, but supple with refined and polished tannins, and the structure is one of balance and beauty designed for graceful maturation well into the next decade. Drink 2010 – 2025 or decant for 2-3 hours before service. JC, 2010.

About Elivette

The creation of Elivette is overseen by winemaker Jac Cole and vineyard manager, Ron Rosenbrand, who together capitalize on the diversity of Spring Mountain's unique vineyard. Vines are planted in 135 discrete hillside blocks that rise from 400 to 1,600 feet above sea level on the eastern slopes of Napa Valley's Spring Mountain. The austere mountain soil yields fewer than two tons of grapes per acre, yet the resulting wines reflect the intensity of each varietal, supple tannin structures and bright acidity. The fruit from each block is kept separate for fermentation and barrel aging in order to preserve its unique qualities. After selecting only the most elegant wines from specific barrels of the classic Bordeaux varietals, Elivette is blended to become the finest expression of the Spring Mountain Vineyard.

2006 Vintage

The 2006 vintage began with the wettest weather recording in St. Helena's history! Over 70 inches of rain fell in December and January. Bud break occurred on the late side, near the third week of April. Bloom and veraison were on the late side and confirmed a later than normal harvest. Summer temperatures mimicked 2005 with pleasant temperatures through September. Heat in October brought the fruit to ripeness. Harvest began on September 20th for white varieties and finished on November 8th with the red Bordeaux varieties.

About Spring Mountain Vineyard

Spring Mountain Vineyard is an 845 acre estate on the eastern slopes of Spring Mountain in Napa Valley. Over 225 acres of the estate are planted to vine, representing 135 discrete hillside vineyard blocks with many soil types, exposures, and microclimates. A substantial portion of the vineyard is planted in densities of over 4,000 vines per acre and trained to the ancient *gobelet* form, a vertical method invented by the Romans. Originally four contiguous 19th century vineyards, Miravalle, Alba, Chevalier and La Perla are now one vineyard producing exclusively estate grown wines from the classic Bordeaux grape varieties. Consistent wine characteristics include concentration, elegance and longevity. The signature expression of the vineyard is *Elivette*.