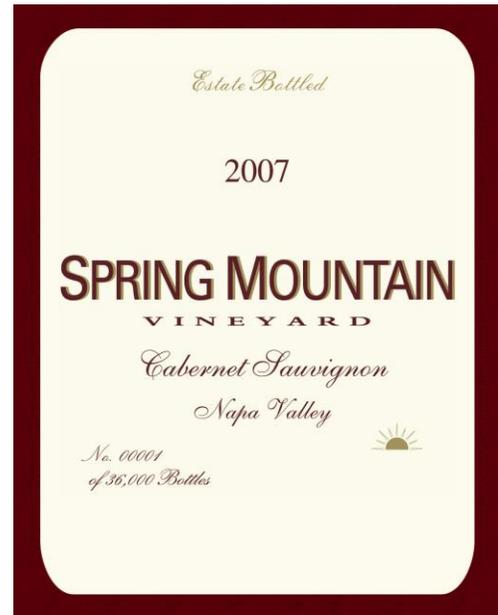




2007 Estate Bottled Cabernet Sauvignon

- Appellation:** Napa Valley–Spring Mountain District
Estate Grown and Bottled
- Assemblage:** Cabernet Sauvignon 97%, Cabernet Franc 3%
- Alcohol:** 14.6%
- Aging:** 20 Months in French Oak
80% new, Taransaud, Saury, Quintessence,
and Le Grand
- Bottled:** July 13–15, 2009
- Release:** January 2011
- Production:** 3,000 Cases



Tasting Notes from Winemaker Jac Cole

This is a big, concentrated mountain cabernet that purely reflects a beautiful vintage. The wine is laced with chocolate, caramel and savory spices. Dark fruit flavors of blackberry, black currant and cassis dominate the aromas with a hint of minerality that adds intrigue. On the palate its full-bodied entry delivers loads of chewy tannins and a re-statement of the black fruit, chocolate, licorice and a nuance of stony mineral. Excellent weight on the mid-palate leads to an elegant and persistent finish. Drink 2011 – 2020 or decant 2–3 hours before service. January 2011.

2007 Vintage

The 2007 vintage began with a warm winter and dry spring that gave us only 50% of our normal rainfall. Budbreak occurred in early to mid-March, more than a month earlier than 2006, and bloom took place in mid-April. Summer temperatures were moderate with no heat spikes until mid-August. In retrospect, the 2007 vintage marks the first year of what we now call a 3 year drought in Napa Valley. The positive results of 2007 are reflected in the concentration of aromas and flavors in wines from this acclaimed vintage.

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 training 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*.