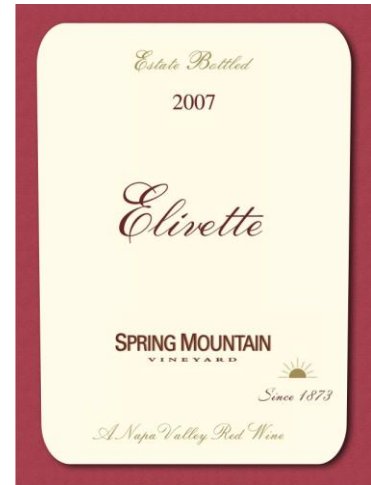




2007 Elivette

- Appellation:** Napa Valley-Spring Mountain District
- Assemblage:** Cabernet Sauvignon 84%, Petit Verdot 4%, Cabernet Franc 12%
- Alcohol:** 14.4%
- Aging:** 21 Months in French Oak – 85% new - Taransaud, Saury, Quintessence, Le Grand and Darnajou
- Bottled:** September 23-27, 2009
- Released:** October 2011
- Production:** 2,466 Cases



Tasting Notes from Winemaker Jac Cole

The 2007 *Elivette* delivers an abundance of red fruit aromas. Cranberry, cherry and strawberry mingle with sweet spices and a hint of molasses for a nicely layered introduction to the wine. On the palate, red and black fruit combine with nuances of cola, chocolate and an intriguing note of dry herb. Youthful but well-developed tannins coat the palate and shape the wine. The 2007 *Elivette* is approachable now, but will reward cellaring. In its youth, decant for 1-2 hours to fully open the many layers of this wine. Drink 2011 – 2020. *July 29, 2011*

About Elivette

The creation of *Elivette* is overseen by winemaker Jac Cole and vineyard manager, Ron Rosenbrand, who capitalize on the diversity of Spring Mountain's complex 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 Spring Mountain. The austere mountain soils yield fewer than two tons of grapes per acre, yet the resulting wines reflect intense varietal character, supple tannin structure and bright acidity. To fully preserve the unique qualities of each block, the fruit from each is kept separate for fermentation and barrel aging. 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.

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. Bloom took place in mid-April. Summer temperatures were moderate with no heat spikes until mid-August. Harvest began on August 28. The 2007 vintage marks the first year of what we now call a drought in Napa Valley. The positive result of less rainfall is reflected in the concentration of aromas and flavors in wines from this acclaimed vintage.

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*.