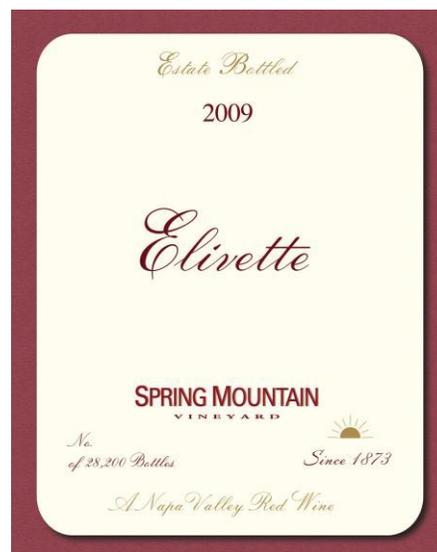


## 2009 Elivette

- Appellation:** Estate Bottled – Napa Valley  
Spring Mountain District
- Assemblage:** Cabernet Sauvignon 55%, Cabernet Franc 22%,  
Petit Verdot 12%, Merlot 10%, Malbec 1%
- Alcohol:** 14.4%
- Aging:** 22 months in new French oak – Taransaud, Saury,  
Quintessence, Le Grand & Darnajou
- Bottled:** September 2011
- Released:** September 2012
- Production:** 2,350 cases



### Tasting Notes from Winemaker Jac Cole

Abundant aromas of blackberry, cassis and smoky black cherry layer with spice notes of cinnamon and star anise, black tea and cola. A lush and silky entry reveals a graceful, structured wine of good size and weight. Well-integrated tannins shape a core of classic Spring Mountain cherry fruit with attending notes of mulberry, espresso and spice. The long, lingering finish echoes like a Cole Porter melody. The 2009 Elivette is quite approachable in its youth, and will benefit from 1-2 hours in a decanter before service. Drink 2012 – 2030.

### About Elivette

The creation of Elivette, our signature wine, is overseen by winemaker Jac Cole and vineyard manager, Ron Rosenbrand, who capitalize on the diversity of Spring Mountain's complex vineyard. The austere mountain soils yield fewer than two tons of grapes per acre, yet the resulting wines reflect intense varietal character, deep color, supple tannin structure and bright acidity. To fully preserve the unique qualities of each vineyard 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 varieties, Elivette is blended to become the finest expression of Spring Mountain Vineyard.

### 2009 Vintage

Richness, concentration and balance are the hallmarks of wines from the Spring Mountain Vineyard in 2009. The 2009 vintage completes a three year drought cycle in Napa Valley. Due to low rainfall, yields for the red Bordeaux varieties that comprise Elivette were less than one ton of fruit per acre. Though fewer cases were made, the 2009 vintage is one of our recent favorites. Conditions in the vineyard allowed for the long hang time that ensures perfectly ripened fruit – a winemaker's dream.

### About Spring Mountain Vineyard

Spring Mountain Vineyard is an 845-acre estate on the eastern slopes of Spring Mountain in Napa Valley. Only 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.