



2009 Estate Pinot Noir

Appellation: Napa Valley-Spring Mountain District

Vineyard: La Perla – Six acres at 1550'

Clones: Pommard Clones 5 and 115

Varietal: Pinot Noir 100%

Aging: French Oak Barrels

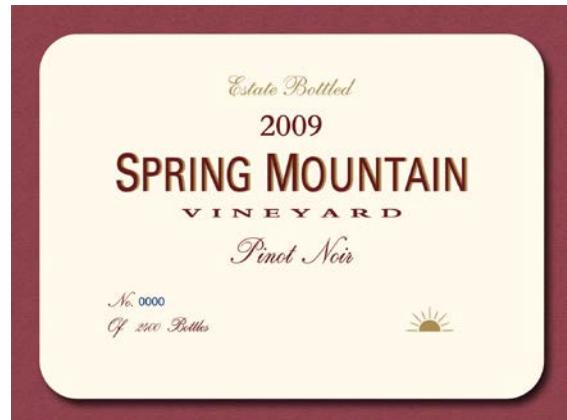
Bottled: n/a

Alcohol: n/a

Production: 275 Cases

Release: September 2012

Sold only at the winery



Tasting Notes from Winemaker Jac Cole

n/a

2009 Vintage

Our Pinot Noir is grown at 1600 feet in our coolest, highest elevation vineyards. Since the grapes grow above the morning fog, the fruit can ripen to its full potential, resulting in a hint of warm spice on the nose and silkiness on the palate. Limited to 275 cases, this is truly a unique, mountain-grown Pinot Noir.

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 distinct hillside vineyard blocks with many soil types, exposures and microclimates. Because of the diverse and challenging terrain, 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 trellising method invented in an earlier millennium by the Romans. Originally four separate but contiguous 19th century vineyards, Miravalle, Alba, Chevalier and La Perla are now one vineyard producing exclusively estate grown wines. The vineyard is planted primarily to classic Bordeaux grape varieties that yield distinctive wines of concentration, elegance and longevity. The ultimate viticultural and artistic expression of the vineyard is *Elivette*.