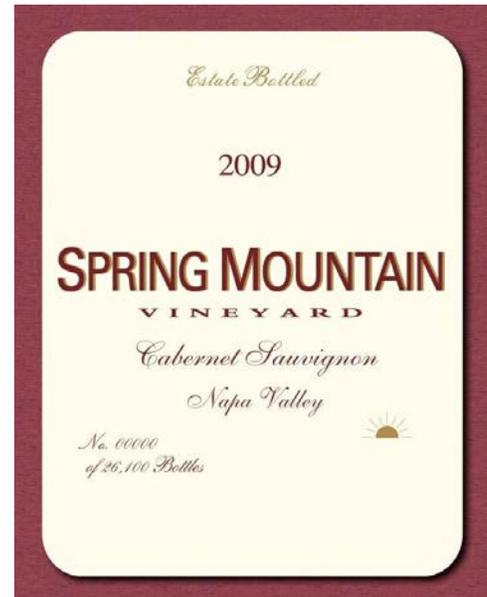




2009 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

- Appellation:** Napa Valley–Spring Mountain District
- Assemblage:** Cabernet Sauvignon 86%, Cabernet Franc 12%, Merlot 2%
- Alcohol:** 14.3%
- Aging:** 22 Months in new French oak
- Bottled:** September 2011
- Release:** October 2012
- Production:** 2,175 cases



Tasting Notes from Winemaker Jac Cole

Potent aromas of sweet dark fruit, cocoa, caramel and intriguing notes of violets introduce the wine. On the palate, the wine is structured and complex, the mid-palate laden with intense fruit – blackberry, cherry and cassis – and further enhanced by notes of chocolate and baking spices. The finish is long and lingering, with a re-statement of concentrated fruit and spice. In its youth, decant 1-2 hours before service. Drink 2012 – 2025.

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. The effect on the 2009 wines is expressed as concentrated dark fruit. Yields in 2009 were less than one ton of fruit per acre. (Normal yield is two tons per acre.) The 2009 vintage is one of our recent favorites because growing conditions allowed the long hang time that ensures perfectly ripened fruit – a winemaker’s dream. The wines have rich, concentrated flavors and smooth, supple tannins. At this young stage of development, the 2009s are sumptuous and approachable, yet promise decades of enjoyment.

About Spring Mountain Vineyard

Spring Mountain Vineyard is an 845-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*.