



2011 Estate Sauvignon Blanc

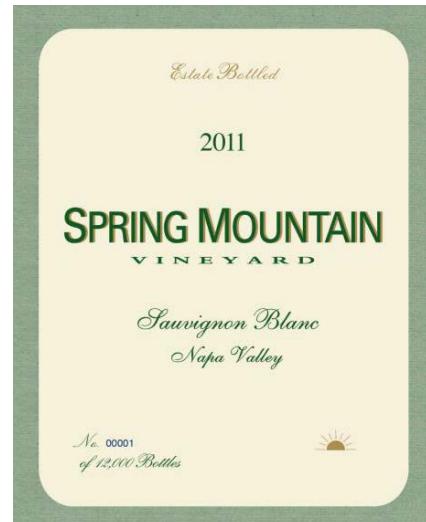
Appellation: Napa Valley-Spring Mountain District

Vineyards: La Perla (elevation 1100')
Miravalle (elevation 400' to 700')

Varietals: Sauvignon Blanc 87%, Semillon 13%

Fermentation: Neutral French oak, 4 months sur-lie batonnage

Production: 920 Cases



Tasting Notes

Citrus blossom, sweet butter, dry herbs, lemon curd, linden and minerals introduce the wine and prompt thoughtful reflection. Flavors of Asian pear and a repetition of the mineral and herb notes create a bright and lively mid-palate. Nuances of passion fruit and kiwi contribute to the lingering finish of this elegantly balanced wine. *January 2013*

2011 Vintage

The 2011 vintage was cooler than normal, which gave our sauvignon blanc and semillon grapes more time on the vine to develop a full spectrum of optimal flavors. Signature Spring Mountain acidity gives the 2011 Sauvignon Blanc lovely structure and balance.

Spring Mountain Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc

Since 1993, our estate grown Sauvignon Blanc has been styled along the lines of fine white Bordeaux. The grapes are whole cluster pressed and the juice is cold settled overnight. It is then moved to neutral French oak barrels where fermentation is completed. The wine is kept sur-lie for several months with weekly stirring. This marries the wine's bright flavors and acidity with the rich, yeasty elements provided by barrel contact. Batonnage and extended sur lie aging create a texture that weaves layers of fruit and vanilla into a rich and complete wine.

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 primarily Bordeaux varieties. Because of the challenging and diverse hillsides, a substantial portion of the vineyard is planted in densities of over 4,000 vines per acre to the ancient *gobelet* form, a vertical training method invented in an earlier millennium by the Romans. The vineyard yields distinctive mountain wines noted for concentration, elegance and longevity. The quintessential wine from the estate is *Elivette*.

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