



2010 Estate Bottled Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: Napa Valley-Spring Mountain District

Assemblage: Cabernet Sauvignon 76%, Merlot 10%, Petit Verdot 6%, Cabernet Franc 5%, Malbec 3%

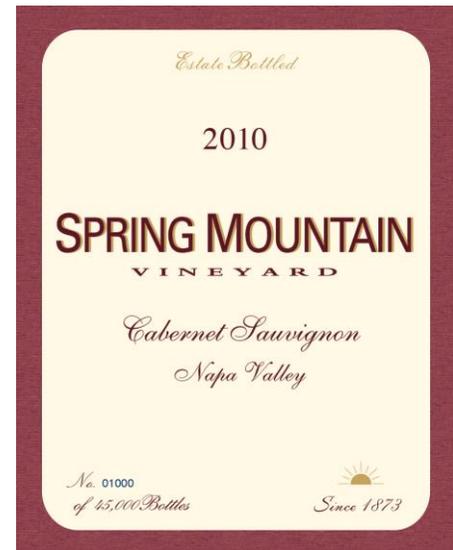
Alcohol: 13.6%

Aging: 22 Months in new French oak

Bottled: September 2012

Release: September 2013

Production: 3,750 cases



Tasting Notes

A structured entry delivers a complex array of aromas including black cherry and cranberry fruit, baking spices, roasted meat, tobacco leaf, cola and floral notes. The palate is textured, serving up flavors of chocolate, cherries, mocha and spice. In its youth, decant 1-2 hours before service for full enjoyment. Drink 2013 – 2025.

2010 Vintage

The cool, late 2010 growing season gave our red Bordeaux varieties bright and pure varietal character. If history is a guide, we expect the wines to be long-lived and more Bordeaux-like than Californian in profile. The Spring Mountain Vineyard experienced a third year of very low yields. The red Bordeaux varieties that comprise the Elivette and Cabernet Sauvignon labels averaged about 1 ton per acre. Normal yield is approximately 1.5 - 2 tons per acre.

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*.

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