

2011 Estate Pinot Noir

Appellation:	Napa Valley Spring Mountain District
Vineyard:	La Perla – 1600' Elevation
Clones:	115, 777 and Pommard 5
Varietal:	100 % Pinot Noir
Aging:	11 Months in French Oak
Bottled:	August 2013
Production:	583 Cases
Release:	January 2014



Tasting Notes

Intriguing aromas of Asian spices, cherry and earth introduce the 9th vintage of estate Pinot Noir. On the palate, the wine is round and generous with bright, intense fruit, spice and cola. Subtle tannins gently shape this voluptuous, mountain grown wine, making it a versatile food companion.

2011 Vintage

Our 9th vintage of Pinot Noir gave us wines with abundant fruit and richness. The 2011 growing season was cooler than normal, which perfectly suits a thin-skinned variety like pinot noir. Our six acre pinot noir vineyard sits atop our highest, coolest elevation at 1600 feet above the Valley floor.

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 expression of the vineyard is *Elivette*.