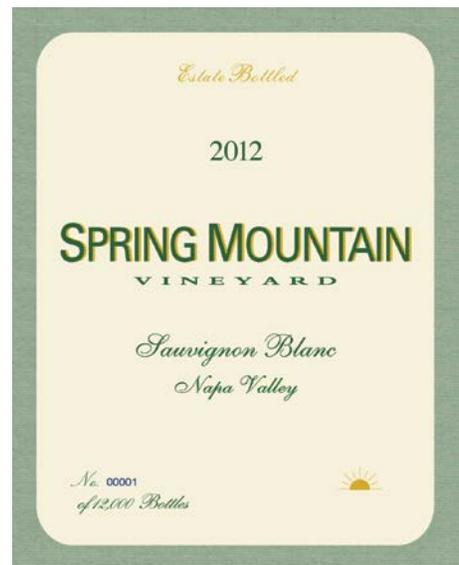




2012 Estate Sauvignon Blanc

Appellation:	Napa Valley–Spring Mountain District
Vineyard:	<i>La Perla</i> – Elevation 1100’ <i>Miravalle</i> – Elevation 400’ to 700’
Varietals:	Sauvignon Blanc 95%, Semillon 5%
Fermentation:	Neutral French Oak Extended Sur-Lie Aging & Batonnage
Production:	1,000 Cases



Winemaker Notes

Exotic aromas of lychee nut, lemongrass, citrus blossom and mineral notes introduce the wine and beg a first sip. On the palate, the wine is all about ‘mouth feel’– lush and unctuous in weight and texture. Abundant fruit and mineral notes coalesce into a broad-shouldered wine balanced by signature Spring Mountain acidity. The wine finishes long and clean, and complements a wide array of culinary partners, from pan-roasted halibut to Asian-spiced fowl.

2012 Vintage

Perfect abundance marked the 2012 growing season. Plentiful Spring rain filled our reserves, and there was no frost during the critical bloom phase. Summer brought a classic California weather pattern of alternating days of morning fog and sun that slowly brought the estate fruit to the perfect point of ripeness. Total yield over all varieties growing on the Spring Mountain Vineyard was 2.25 tons per acre, exceeding the 1.5 tons per acre norm, and making 2012 our most abundant harvest in twenty years.

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 before being moved to neutral French oak barrels where fermentation takes place. The new wine is kept in barrel sur-lie for several months, occasionally stirred (batonnage) to marry the wine’s bright fruit flavors and acidity with the rich, yeasty elements provided by lees contact. This classic method produces a balanced, complex wine.

Spring Mountain Vineyard

Spring Mountain Vineyard is a historic, 845 acre wine estate located on the eastern slopes of Spring Mountain in Napa Valley. Its steep hillsides are challenging, and only 225 acres are planted to vine. Within the vineyard acres, 135 discrete blocks have been identified for unique soil type, elevation, sun aspect and microclimate. Planted primarily to the red Bordeaux varieties, the low-yielding vineyards produce distinctive mountain wines of concentration, elegance and longevity. Spring Mountain Vineyard was originally four individual, contiguous vineyards: La Perla (1873), Miravalle (1885), Chevalier (1891) and Alba (1979). Together as one privately-owned estate, these historic vineyards are the provenance for every wine produced.

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