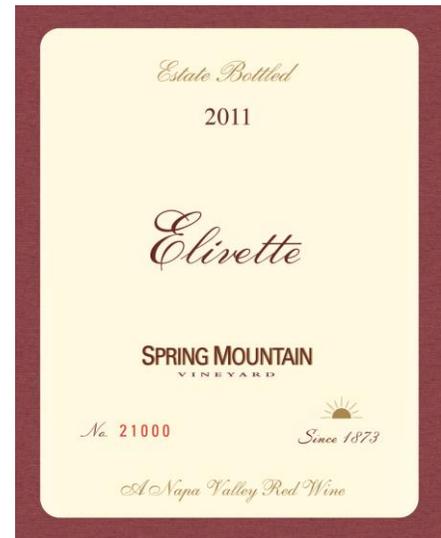


## 2011 Elivette

<b>Appellation:</b>	Estate Bottled - Napa Valley Spring Mountain District
<b>Assemblage:</b>	Cabernet Sauvignon 77%, Cabernet Franc 13%, Petit Verdot 10%
<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.1%
<b>Aging:</b>	22 months in new French oak – Taransaud, Saury, Quintessence, Le Grand & Darnajou
<b>Bottled:</b>	September 2013
<b>Released:</b>	September 2014
<b>Production:</b>	2221 cases



### Tasting Notes

Evocative aromas of pure cabernet, red cherry and brambleberry meld with holiday spice, dark chocolate and caramel. The entry is rich, the plentiful dark fruit gently shaped by round tannins and enlivened by bright acidity into a complete, balanced wine. There is a powerful density to the mid-palate that resonates and leads to a lingering finish. Power, elegance, balance and food affinity showcase the best of the vintage. Enjoy now or cellar to reveal the ultimate beauty of this wine. Drink 2014 – 2029.

### 2011 Vintage

The 2011 vintage was cool and late, with greater than average rainfall (63 vs 46 inch norm). Warm temperatures at harvest brought the grapes to full physiological maturity and gave the cabernet sauvignon and complementary varieties a bright and pure varietal character. The 2011 Elivette benefitted from fermentation in new Taransaud oak tanks, resulting in earlier tannin integration and approachability upon release. For the fourth consecutive vintage, yields were very low, only one ton per acre, as compared to the normal average of 1.5 tons.

### About Elivette

The creation of Elivette is a collaboration of winemaker, vineyard manager and French oenologists who capitalize on the exceptional diversity of Spring Mountain's complex vineyard to achieve its finest expression. From 135 vineyard blocks, the fruit kept separate to preserve the unique qualities during natural fermentation and barrel aging, comes a broad array of wines that are considered for Elivette. During blending, only the most elegant, structured wines are chosen in a vintage-specific cuvée that reflects the ultimate beauty and longevity of wines from the estate.

### About Spring Mountain Vineyard

Spring Mountain Vineyard is an 845-acre estate on the eastern slopes of Spring Mountain in Napa Valley where austere soils produce extremely low yields of intensely flavored, long-lived wines. Only 225 acres are planted to vine, representing 135 discrete vineyard blocks with multiple soil types, exposures and microclimates. The privately owned estate is comprised of four historic vineyards first planted to vine in the late 1800s. Only estate bottled wines are produced.