



2011 Estate Bottled Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation: Napa Valley-Spring Mountain District

Assemblage: Cabernet Sauvignon 82%, Cabernet Franc 7%, Merlot 5%, Petit Verdot 3%, Malbec 3%

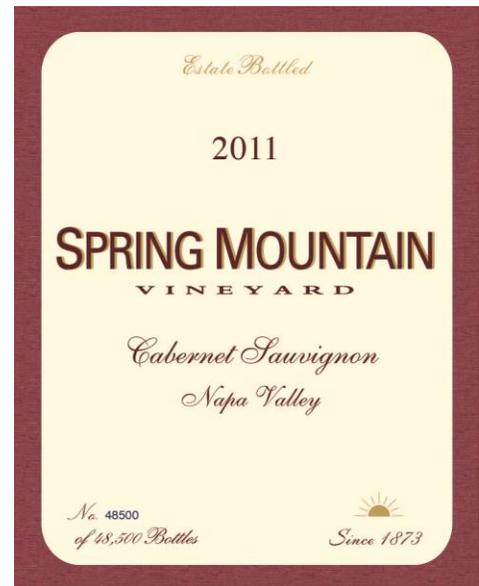
Alcohol: 14.1%

Aging: 22 Months in French oak, 60% new

Bottled: August 2013

Release: September 2014

Production: 4,002 cases



Tasting Notes

Intriguing aromas of black cherry, clementine peel and cranberry are accented by notes of allspice, licorice and minerals. Dense color suggests its mountain origin, and the palate echoes the aromatics along with flavors of baked apple, white pepper and Asian five spice. The wine has a lovely mid-palate, the result of fermentation in new French oak tanks. At this stage of development, the wine shows impressive structure and potential. Plentiful chewy tannins and signature Spring Mountain acidity provide shape and structure to the wine. This vintage will easily age over several decades. In its youth, decant 1-2 hours before service. 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 Cabernet 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 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.

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