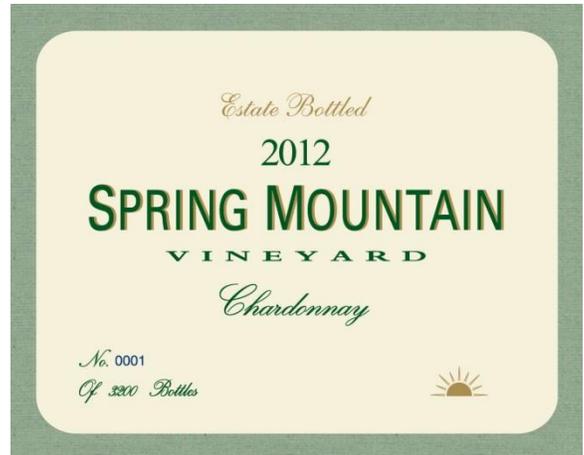


## 2012 Estate Bottled Chardonnay

<b>Appellation:</b>	Napa Valley Spring Mountain District
<b>Vineyards:</b>	La Perla & Chevalier
<b>Varietals:</b>	Chardonnay 100%
<b>Clones:</b>	95 & Robert Young 17
<b>Fermentation:</b>	Barrel Fermented 50% New – 50% Neutral French Oak. Sur-Lie Batonnage. No Malolactic.
<b>Production:</b>	266 cases



### Tasting Notes

The wine opens with inviting aromas of fresh cream, melon and apricot, with subtle hints of honeysuckle, lemongrass, citrus and wet pebbles. A creamy texture and mouth-filling flavors of melon, star fruit and white peach are balanced by bright acidity. Pure, rich fruit flows through the lingering finish, leaving the palate enlivened and wanting more. This is a structured, elegant wine that grows in complexity in the glass.

### 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.

### The Spring Mountain Vineyard Chardonnay Legacy

With the 2008 vintage, Spring Mountain Vineyard resumed production of estate bottled Chardonnay with limited case production (fewer than 100 cases) and sold only at the winery. The 2008 Chardonnay marked 35 vintages since the 1973 Spring Mountain Chardonnay bested Premier Cru and Grand Cru Burgundies in the now-famous Judgment of Paris tasting. The Paris tasting of 1976 rocked the wine world and brought Spring Mountain Vineyard wines into the limelight. In the ensuing decades, Spring Mountain ceased production of Chardonnay and focused on red Bordeaux blends, the flagship of which is Elivette.

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> century Napa Valley vineyards, Miravalle, Alba, Chevalier and La Perla are now one vineyard producing primarily Bordeaux varieties. Because of the challenging and diverse hillsides, a substantial portion of the vineyard is planted in densities of over 4,000 vines per acre to the ancient *gobelet* form, a vertical training method invented in an earlier millennium by the Romans. The vineyard yields distinctive mountain wines noted for concentration, elegance and longevity. The quintessential wine from the estate is *Elivette*.

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