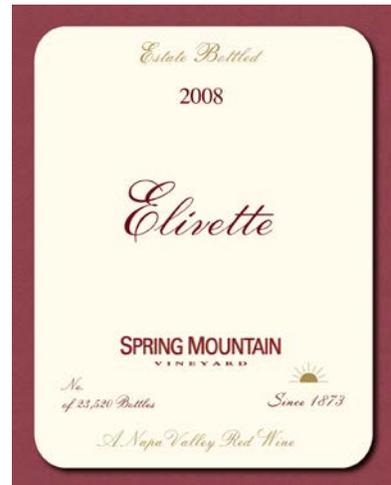




## 2008 Estate Elivette

- Appellation:** Napa Valley-Spring Mountain District  
Estate Grown and Bottled
- Assemblage:** Cabernet Sauvignon 75%, Cabernet Franc 13%,  
Merlot 6%, Petit Verdot 5%, Malbec 1%
- Alcohol:** 14.8%
- Aging:** 22 Months in new French Oak from Taransaud,  
Saury, Quintessence, Le Grand and Darnajou
- Bottled:** September 2010
- Released:** January 2012
- Production:** 1,960 Cases



### Tasting Notes from Winemaker Jac Cole

*December 2011.* The 2008 Elivette opens with aromas of dark berry fruit and a pretty floral perfume, highlighted by cinnamon spice and dry cocoa. The nuance of toasted almond and cherry liqueur accentuates a complex and layered impression. On the palate, the wine is soft and elegant with prominent flavors of raspberry jam, black cherry and espresso. The mid-palate is redolent with both black and red fruit, supported beautifully by round, coated tannins and a long, languid finish. In its youth, decant for 2-3 hours to fully open the many layers of this wine. Approachable now, but will reward cellaring. Drink 2012 -2028.

### About Elivette

The creation of Elivette is overseen by winemaker Jac Cole and vineyard manager, Ron Rosenbrand, who capitalize on the diversity of Spring Mountain's complex vineyard. Vines are planted in 135 discrete hillside blocks that rise from 400 to 1,600 feet above sea level on the eastern slopes of Spring Mountain. The austere mountain soils yield fewer than two tons of grapes per acre, yet the resulting wines reflect intense varietal character, supple tannin structure and bright acidity. To fully preserve the unique qualities of each block, the fruit from each is kept separate for fermentation and barrel aging. After selecting only the most elegant wines from specific barrels of the classic Bordeaux varietals, Elivette is blended to become the finest expression of the Spring Mountain Vineyard.

### 2008 Vintage

2008 continued the dry pattern begun in 2007, making it the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a 3-year drought cycle in Napa Valley. Overall yields were down by about 35%, partly due to low rainfall and hot weather in August and September, but set up by an April frost that damaged new growth at the higher elevations. Fortunately, a new Mistral triple sorting system was in place at harvest to glean only the highest quality fruit. The resulting wines are balanced and show intense, concentrated flavors and aromas. The 2008 Elivette was aged in 100% new French oak for the first time in over a decade.

### About 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 discrete hillside vineyard blocks with many soil types, exposures and microclimates. 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 method invented by the Romans. Originally four contiguous 19<sup>th</sup> century vineyards, Miravalle, Alba, Chevalier and La Perla are now one vineyard producing exclusively estate grown wines from the classic Bordeaux grape varieties. Consistent wine characteristics include concentration, elegance and longevity.

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