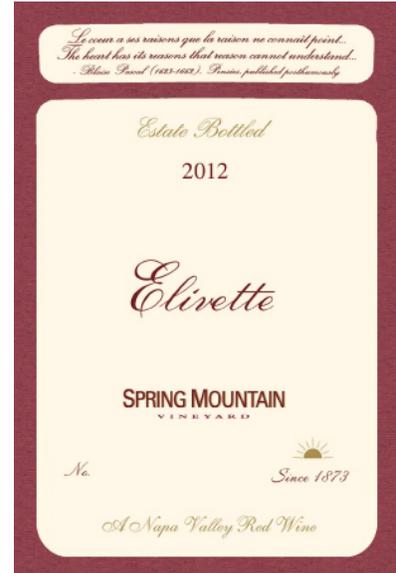




2012 Elivette

Appellation:	Napa Valley – Spring Mountain District
Assemblage:	82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 8% Cabernet Franc, 8% Petit Verdot, 2% Merlot
Alcohol:	14.2%
Aging:	20 months in French oak, 60% new
Bottled:	September 2014
Production:	2,200 Cases



Winemaker Notes

The 2012 Elivette opens with the inviting suggestion of fresh strawberry, rose petal, notes of brown spice, chocolate and subtle leather. A pleasing sweet entry introduces a layered wine nicely shaped and supported by fine-grained tannins. On the palate, the wine is broad and round, delivering a profusion of fruit in a structural framework that is still tightly knit at this stage of development, but fully capturing the generous and exceptional nature of the 2012 vintage. Decant for 1-2 hours before service. Enjoy 2015 – 2028.

The 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.

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.