

## 2004 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

**Appellation:** Napa Valley-Spring Mountain District  
Estate Grown and Bottled

**Assemblage:** Cabernet Sauvignon 90%,  
Cabernet Franc 8%, Petit Verdot 2%

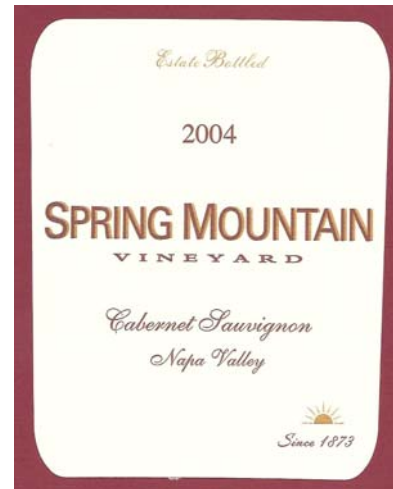
**Alcohol:** 14.8%

**Aging:** 22 Months in French Oak

**Bottled:** August 2006

**Released:** January 2008

**Production:** 2,800 Cases



### Winemaker Notes

A pure expression of mountain fruit, the 2004 Cabernet Sauvignon is fragrant with bright red fruit aromas, dark chocolate, vanilla bean, sweet black tea and floral notes. Full bodied and effusively flavorful, the wine has a soft, velvety approach and delivers loads of cherry-berry fruit well integrated with satiny tannins, lively acidity and a long, echoing finish. Decant to release the abundant flavors and aromas of this youthful and vibrant cabernet.

### 2004 Vintage

The 2004 vintage stands out as memorable, with fruit that bears the imprint of an early spring, and a slow and steady ripening period that ended several weeks ahead of traditional harvest timelines. Warm, consistent summer weather was bracketed by an early spring bud break and several late summer hot spells, creating growing conditions that allowed for one of the earliest harvest periods in almost a decade, and an unusual opportunity for making outstanding wine.

### Spring Mountain Vineyard

Spring Mountain Vineyard is an 850 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 estate bottled wines. A substantial portion of the vineyard is planted in densities of over 4,000 vines per acre. Because of the diverse and challenging terrain, the vines are trained to the ancient *gobelet* form, a vertical trellising method invented in an earlier millennium by the Romans. Growing primarily Bordeaux grape varieties, the vineyard yields distinctive mountain wines that consistently display concentration, elegance and longevity. The quintessential wine from the estate is *Elivette*.