



## 2007 Estate Bottled Sauvignon Blanc

- Appellation:** Napa Valley–Spring Mountain District  
**Vineyards:** La Perla, Miravalle  
**Varietals:** Sauvignon Blanc 98%; Semillon 2%  
**Fermentation:** Neutral French Oak with sur-lie batonnage  
**Production:** 700 Cases



### Winemaker Notes

The 2007 Sauvignon Blanc is effusive in its expression of the site specific soils and climate of the Spring Mountain Vineyard. Floral notes marry with aromas of white peach, lychee, lime and linden. Exotic aromas of mango, persimmon and spice evoke a mouth-watering invitation to the wine. Rich and full-bodied on the palate, the wine's abundant layers of fruit and mineral mirror its aromatics. A crisp acidity balances the weight, making its lingering impression one of completeness.

### 2007 Vintage

The 2007 vintage began with a warm winter and a dry Spring that gave us only 50% of our normal rainfall. Budbreak occurred in early to mid-March, more than a month earlier than 2006. Bloom took place in mid-April. Summer temperatures were moderate with no heat spikes until mid-August. Harvest began on August 28<sup>th</sup>. The 2007 vintage marks the first year of what is now called a drought in Napa Valley. The lower rainfall is positively reflected in the concentration of aromas and flavors in our wines.

### Spring Mountain Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc

Since 1993, our estate grown Sauvignon Blanc has been styled along the lines of a fine white Bordeaux. The grapes are whole cluster pressed and the juice is cold settled overnight. It is then moved to neutral French oak barrels where fermentation is completed and the wine kept sur-lie for 6 to 9 months to marry its bright flavors and acidity with the rich yeasty, toasty elements provided by barrel contact. Batonnage and extended sur lie aging create a texture that weaves layers of fruit and vanilla into a rich and complete 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 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 trellising 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*.