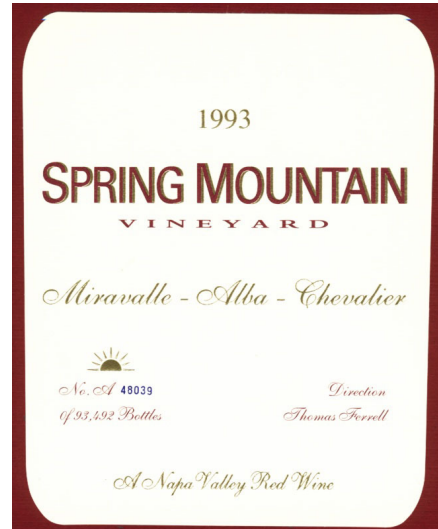


1993 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

Appellation:	Napa Valley–Spring Mountain District
Vineyards:	Chevalier, Miravalle, York Creek, Alba
Varietals:	Cabernet Sauvignon 76%, Merlot 13%, Cabernet Franc 11%
Aging:	22 Months in New French Oak
Production:	760 Cases
Retail Price:	\$100.00



Winemaker Notes

Excellent hue and intensity of color from all three wines made from separate vineyard blocks. The vintage exudes earthy, toasty, and spicy wood tones with a touch of cassis and black cherry. A lush, smooth feel touches the mid palate with a combination of peppermint and chocolate, green tea, raspberry, and oak. The wine displays strength of character with elegance.

1993 Vintage

This is the first release from the new estate. Unexpected rain mid-May during bloom led to smaller berry set, resulting in a smaller crop than in previous years. A cool summer allowed grapes to ripen slowly and evenly. These two conditions contributed to excellent fruit maturity and wine quality which was rich and concentrated with deep color. Berry flavor was intense.

Spring Mountain Vineyard

Originally four individual historic Napa Valley properties, Miravalle, La Perla, Alba, and Chevalier have now been combined to create an 850 acre estate of forest and vineyard on the eastern slopes of Spring Mountain overlooking the small town of Saint Helena. Over 225 acres of the estate are planted to vine, creating 135 separate hillside vineyard blocks each with its own unique soil, exposure, and microclimate. The vineyard is planted in densities of 4,000 vines per acre and trained to the ancient gobelet form, a vertical trellising method that was invented in an earlier millennium by the Romans.