



**SPRING MOUNTAIN**  
VINEYARD

## 1999 Syrah

<b>Appellation:</b>	Napa Valley–Spring Mountain District
<b>Varietals:</b>	Syrah 100%
<b>Aging:</b>	22 Months in New French Oak
<b>Production:</b>	1100 Cases
<b>Retail Price:</b>	\$50.00



## Winemaker Notes

The opaque red color of our 1999 Syrah epitomizes the power and structure of this wine. Aromas of concentrated, ripe dark cherry and blackberry are accented by notes of fresh spices, pepper and wild game.

## 1999 Vintage

Beautiful spring weather and bud break in early March preceded a cooler than normal summer. Vine fertility was lower than 1998, and despite the smaller crop levels, most vineyards were slow to ripen due to the cool weather. Glorious fall weather pushed the grapes to perfect ripeness, resulting in a mid- to late October harvest of grapes that had an ideal combination of intense fruit and balancing acidity.

## 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.