

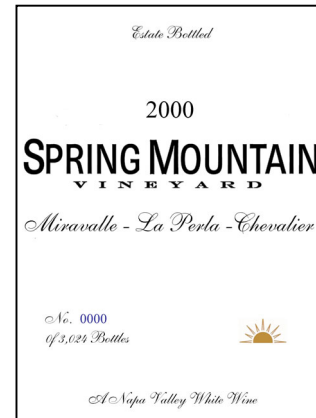
# SPRING MOUNTAIN

VINEYARD

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## 2000 Sauvignon Blanc

<i>Appellation</i>	Napa Valley, Spring Mountain District
<i>Vineyard</i>	Miravalle
<i>Clone</i>	Spottswoode
<i>Varietal</i>	100% Sauvignon Blanc
<i>Aging</i>	50% New French Oak
<i>Production</i>	252 Cases



### Winemaker Notes

This deep yellow/gold colored wine has a rich, concentrated nose of Meyer lemon custard, lime, and red grapefruit along with distinct spicy vanilla. Equally rich and concentrated on the palate, there are layers of lemon, pineapple, and vanilla balanced by acids and a long finish.

### The 2000 Vintage

A relatively dry winter led to warm spring weather and abundant fruit set. Summer was a mix of warm and mild weather with occasional heat spells in late July and mid-August. September and October were very cool and ultimately slowed the ripening and harvesting to a steady pace. Grapes were picked in mid-September with a seductive mix of ripe fruit and balanced tannins.

### Spring Mountain Sauvignon Blanc

First produced in 1993, Spring Mountain Sauvignon Blanc is reminiscent of fine White Graves. The grapes for this wine come from our Miravalle property, originally planted by Tiburcio Parrott in 1885. The current planting features budwood from Spottswoode Winery planted in the early 1980s. Miravalle is one of the warmest areas on the estate, which ensures fully ripened grapes. Aging in 50% new French oak adds a toasty vanilla richness along with a backbone that enables this wine to develop complexity for several years after its original release.

### 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 town of St. Helena. Over 225 acres of the estate are planted to vine, creating 110 separate hillside vineyard blocks. Each of these blocks has unique soils, exposures, and microclimates that provide our winemaker a wealth of choices.