

SPRING MOUNTAIN

VINEYARD

2001 Sauvignon Blanc

<i>Appellation</i>	Napa Valley, Spring Mountain District
<i>Vineyard</i>	La Perla and Miravalle
<i>Clone</i>	Spottswode
<i>Varietal</i>	100% Sauvignon Blanc
<i>Aging</i>	10½ Months in 50% New French Oak
<i>Production</i>	437 Cases



Winemaker Notes

An early September harvest yielded grapes with an average of 25 Brix. The whole cluster pressing produced clean quality juice that settled overnight in a stainless steel tank. The juice was 100% barrel fermented in 50% new French oak. Native yeast completed primary fermentation and proceeded sulfuring to prevent malolactic fermentation. The wine was then aged sur-lee for 10½ months and bottled in September 2002.

The 2001 Sauvignon Blanc is a rich, concentrated wine with a nose of Meyer lemon, lime, pineapple and red grapefruit. The spicy vanilla texture weaves the layers of fruit and vanilla into a unique and complete wine.

The 2001 Vintage

The unpredictable 2001 growing season brought mild winter temperatures that forced an early bud-break. The record setting temperatures of June pushed the vines into full bloom. A cooler than normal summer allowed for increased hang time, which produced concentrated tropical flavors and excellent fruit quality.

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 Spottswode 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.