

2001 Elivette Reserve

Appellation:	Napa Valley-Spring Mountain District
Vineyards:	La Perla 52%, Chevalier 30%, Miravalle 10%, Alba 8%
Vines:	Densely Planted Gobelet 60%
Varietals:	Cabernet Sauvignon 89%, Merlot 8%, Petit Verdot 3%
Aging:	21 Months in French Oak
Production:	3,018 Cases
Retail Price:	\$90.00



Winemaker Notes

The growing season in 2001 was, dare we say, as close to perfect as it gets. This vintage gave us wines of exceptional depth, power and concentration with rich, dark flavors that linger on the palate to finish with style and polish. 2001 is a banner year for Spring Mountain Vineyard. Elivette sets the standard.

2001 Vintage

Bud break was normal occurring mid March with bloom occurring mid May. Early Spring temperatures were mild and rainfall was light. Where April was a bit cool, both May and June were fairly warm setting the stage for an excellent growing season. July through September months were mild and steady with only occasional hot spikes into the 90's. Maturation evolved slowly and produced intensely flavored grapes with great color, concentration, and due to long hang time, great balance.

The Spring Mountain Estate

Elivette, the name for our Reserve wine, is the ultimate viticultural and artistic expression of our Estate. Every vintage there are certain lots of wine that demonstrate personality and quality that set them apart. These are the lots destined to create Elivette, a wine that will showcase concentration, harmony, and elegance during its long life.

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.