

2001 Syrah

Appellation:	Napa Valley–Spring Mountain District
Vineyard:	Miravalle
Clones:	Beaucastel and Chapoutier
Varietals:	Syrah 100%
Aging:	22 Months in French Oak
Production:	240 Cases
Retail Price:	\$50.00



Winemaker Notes

Our 2001 vintage Syrah greets you with a burst of floral and berry fruit, reminiscent of violets, blackberries and bright cherry. These aromas are laced with a smoky, toasty nuance of oak that surround and enhance the fruit. The palate is richly concentrated with hints of chocolate, roasted meats, and a dash of rose petal. With its supple, mouthwatering tannins and complexity of fruit and oak, this wine is ready to be enjoyed today. However, considering the depth and structure of the 2001 Syrah, you will be rewarded with an even greater appreciation if you choose to age for 2–6 years.

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 was mild and steady with only occasional heat 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. Our Syrah is planted on a SW facing slope, similar to northern Rhone, which allows it to be sun drenched the entire growing season.

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.