

SPRING MOUNTAIN

VINEYARD

2002 Sauvignon Blanc

<i>Appellation</i>	Napa Valley, Spring Mountain District
<i>Vineyards</i>	La Perla 66%, Miravalle 34%
<i>Clone</i>	Spottswoode
<i>Varietal</i>	100% Sauvignon Blanc
<i>Aging</i>	10 Months Sur-Lee in French Oak, 15% New
<i>Production</i>	699 Cases of 9-Liter Bottles



Winemaker Notes

Spring Mountain Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc is styled along the lines of fine white Bordeaux. The grapes display rich, complex and pure fruit. The grapes are whole cluster pressed and the juice is cold settled over night. It is then moved to French Oak barrels where fermentation is completed and kept sur-lee for 10 months to marry the bright, sophisticated flavors with the rich yeasty, toasty elements of barrel contact. Our 2002 Sauvignon Blanc demonstrates the Bordeaux style with bright citrus fruit and a silky mouth filling texture.

The 2002 Vintage

Heavy rainfall occurred in early winter followed by dry weather and bud break that occurred in mid March with bloom 60 days following. Spring saw beautiful, mild weather followed by two heat waves in July. The mountain experienced some hot nights in September. We were able to wait out the weather and the Sauvignon Blanc had ample hang time to become physiologically mature.

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First produced in 1993, the grapes now come from two of our vineyards: La Perla and Miravalle, the property originally planted by Tiburcio Parrott in 1885. Miravalle is one of the warmest areas on the estate, which ensures fully ripened grapes. La Perla is planted meter by meter (high density) and gobelet trained. This wine expresses 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 small town of Saint Helena. Over 225 acres of the estate are planted to vine, creating 110 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.