

## 2002 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

<b>Appellation:</b>	Napa Valley-Spring Mountain District
<b>Vineyards:</b>	La Perla, Chevalier, Miravalle
<b>Varietals:</b>	Cabernet Sauvignon 99%, Petit Verdot 1%
<b>Aging:</b>	24 Months in 70% New French Oak; 30% in 1 & 2 Year Old French Oak Barrels
<b>Production:</b>	3100 Cases
<b>Retail Price:</b>	\$50.00



### Winemaker Notes

The aromatics of this wine possess an intriguing fusion of cassis, chocolate and berry pie filling with hints of violet and mint. The palate is full bodied and lush with chewy tannins and flavors echo bitter-sweet chocolate and blackberries. The finish is all satin and silk with flavors than linger like a fond memory. This mouth-filling, substantial wine with concentrated flavors position the vintage to age beautifully over time, yet fully enjoyable now.

### 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, which led to concentrated ripening, making 2002 an exceptional year for winemaking.

### 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.