

SPRING MOUNTAIN

VINEYARD

2003 Sauvignon Blanc

<i>Appellation</i>	Napa Valley, Spring Mountain District
<i>Vineyards</i>	La Perla, Miravalle
<i>Clone</i>	Emmolo, Rauscedo and FPMS-1
<i>Varietal</i>	100% Sauvignon Blanc
<i>Aging</i>	20% New French Oak, 80% 1 & 2 Year Old French Oak Barrels
<i>Production</i>	875 Cases
<i>Retail Price</i>	\$28.00



Winemaker Notes

Our 2003 Sauvignon Blanc is a vibrant integration of lime and melon aromas, interwoven with a lush combination of toastiness and cream. Our Spring Mountain terrior is expressed beautifully by the flinty mineral note on the palate and the brightness of the citrus element of Sauvignon Blanc fruit. All together, a lovely combination of bright and creamy flavors.

The 2003 Vintage

A light 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 September. The mountain experienced a later than usual harvest. We were able to extend later into the season and the Sauvignon Blanc had ample hang time to become physiologically mature. There will be some remarkable wines made from the 2003 Spring Mountain vintage.

Spring Mountain Sauvignon Blanc

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 a 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.