



2003 Syrah

Appellation:	Napa Valley-Spring Mountain District
Vineyards:	Miravalle
Clones:	Beaucastel and Chapoutier
Varietals:	100% Syrah
Aging:	18 Months in 50% New French Oak Barrels; 50% 1 & 2 Year Old French Oak Barrels
Production:	352 Cases
Retail Price:	\$50.00



Winemaker Notes

Typical of the rich and robust wines of the southern Rhone, our 2003 Syrah has the scent of licorice and coffee with loads of concentrated fruit. The palate is dense, knee deep in lush tannins and flavors of blackberry, and black cherry with hints of coffee and leather.

2003 Vintage

A light winter was 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 Syrah had ample hang time to become physiologically mature. The wines made from this remarkable vintage are concentrated, balanced, and elegant.

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.