



## 2004 Pinot Noir

**Appellation:** Napa Valley–Spring Mountain District

**Vineyard:** La Perla

**Varietals:** Pinot Noir 100%

**Aging:** 32% New French Oak,  
68% 1 & 2 Year Old French Oak

**Production:** 175 Cases

### Winemaker Notes

A delightful combination of bright raspberry–cherry fruit intermingled with aromas of ginger, cola and violets. The body is full with tannins that are plush and chewy, but still well structured and youthful, giving the wine vibrancy and life. Our 2003 Pinot Noir is a gorgeous expression of both the variety and the spring mountain terroir; pure, supple, sweet and lush.

### 2004 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, allowing the Pinot Noir ample hang time to become physiologically mature. The vines had great aroma intensity and supple balanced tannin concentration. There will be some remarkable wines made from the 2003 Spring Mountain vintage.

### 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.