



2007 Estate Bottled Syrah

Appellation: Napa Valley-Spring Mountain District
Vineyard: Miravalle
Clones: Beaucastel and Chapoutier
Varietal: 100% Syrah
Aging: 14 Months
50% new and 50% neutral French oak
Bottled: February 2009
Alcohol: 13.7 %
Production: 650 Cases



Winemaker Notes

This is serious syrah, black and spicy with loads of dense cocoa and black cherry fruit aromas. Toasty, sweet oak is wrapped tightly to the natural smokiness of syrah. A solid fruit-driven entry of juicy, red fruit-cherry, strawberry, raspberry and blackberry- is balanced by bright acidity and youthful tannins that coat the palate. This wine will reward cellaring. Drink 2011 – 2017 or decant for 2-3 hours before service. Jac Cole, January 2010.

2007 Vintage

The 2007 vintage began with a warm winter and a dry Spring that gave us only 50% of our normal rainfall. Budbreak occurred in early to mid-March, more than a month earlier than 2006. Bloom took place in mid-April. Summer temperatures were moderate with no heat spikes until mid-August. Harvest began on August 28th. The 2007 vintage marks the first year of what we now call a drought in Napa Valley. The lower rainfall is positively reflected in the concentration of aromas and flavors in wines from this vintage.

Spring Mountain Vineyard

Spring Mountain Vineyard is an 850 acre estate on the eastern slopes of Spring Mountain. Over 225 acres of the estate are planted to vine, representing 135 distinct hillside vineyard blocks with many soil types, exposures, and microclimates. Originally four individual 19th century Napa Valley vineyards, Miravalle, Alba, Chevalier and La Perla are now one vineyard producing estate bottled wines. A substantial portion of the vineyard is planted in densities of over 4,000 vines per acre. Because of the diverse and challenging terrain, the vines are trained to the ancient *gobelet* form, a vertical training method invented in an earlier millennium by the Romans. Growing primarily Bordeaux grape varieties, the vineyard yields distinctive mountain wines that consistently display concentration, elegance and longevity. The quintessential wine from the estate is *Elivette*.