



2005 Robert Craig Spring Mountain • Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Only 300 cases produced

Winemaker Notes

“Glorious” is the best way to describe our newest Cabernet from the Crowley Vineyard near the summit of Spring Mountain. The “sense of place” is very evident in this wine, with Spring Mountain’s bright, lush wild blackberry and exotic plum fruit leading the way, its substantial weight and body on the mid-palate, and the fine, dusty tannins that provide exceptional structure. This unfiltered and unfinned wine is so pure and harmonious that it reinforces Spring Mountain’s worldwide reputation as a source of great mountain Cabernets.

Vineyard Characteristics

Joan Crowley’s Spring Mountain vineyard fits right into our program of sourcing prime Cabernet fruit from the highest elevations of Napa Valley. Topping out at nearly 2,000 feet overlooking the Valley, this vineyard’s rocky volcanic soil, varied hillside exposures and contours, and moderate climate combine to produce densely concentrated, intense winegrapes. Located on the northeastern slopes of the Mayacamas Mountain range above the town of St. Helena, Spring Mountain is cooled by afternoon breezes that flow from the nearby Pacific Ocean, creating moderate daytime temperatures and cooler nights which allow grapes to ripen slowly without pushing high alcohol and sugars.

Tasting Notes

Aroma: Expressive aromas of dark black fruit, pure cassis, and cigar box, with hints of roasted espresso bean, lead pencil and dark chocolate. **Flavors:** A laser-beam, mouth-filling focus of bright wild blackberry, followed by exotic plum, fresh huckleberry, cassis, and more coffee. **Finish:** Balanced and complex finish gathers in intensity with overlapping layers of flavors, round earth notes and deep, velvety tannins lingering on the palate. **General:** Stunningly delicious, possessing both intensity and elegance. Decanting recommended.

Wine Information

Harvest dates: October 28-30

Average sugar: 25.5° Brix

TA: .63

pH: 3.75

Alcohol: 14.8%

Barrel Aging: 20 months in Chateau-style French oak, 80% new and 20% second year

Bottling Date: July 2007

Price: California suggested retail price is \$70.00 per bottle.

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