



2010 Spring Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon

Blend: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Only 330 cases produced

WINEMAKER NOTES

Terroir, the French term for a sense of place that establishes a wine's unique identity, is the perfect concept to describe the qualities of Spring Mountain Cabernet Sauvignons. Bob Craig recognized these attributes when he helped to establish the Appellation in 1993. Two decades later, our Spring Mountain Cabernet displays the mountain's special blue notes – blueberry, boysenberry and exotic plum fruits – that are so distinctive to Cabernets grown on its slopes. We are fortunate to obtain a tiny amount of this exquisite fruit to create a wine with great weight, structure and velvety texture.

VINEYARD CHARACTERISTICS

The Crowley vineyard is a close fit for our mountain Cabernet portfolio from the highest elevations of Napa Valley. Overlooking St. Helena from its perch at 2,000 feet, this vineyard's rocky volcanic soil, varied hillside exposures, and moderate climate produce densely concentrated winegrapes. The mountain is cooled by afternoon breezes from the nearby Pacific Ocean, which create moderate daytime temperatures and cooler nights that allow grapes to ripen slowly without pushing high alcohol and sugars.

TASTING NOTES

Aromas are complex, showing the signature Spring Mountain “blues” – blueberry, exotic plum and brambleberry, with a whiff of loam and cedar.
Flavors of velvety dark fruit are broad and lush on the palate, bringing forth notes of sweet spice, cream and graphite.
Finish: A fine balance of luxurious fruit and silky tannins extends well into the classy finish. General: This focused, refined presentation of Spring Mountain terroir offers great aging potential. Decanting recommended.

WINE INFORMATION

Harvest dates: Oct. 19–26
Average sugar: 25.3° Brix
TA: 6.0 g/L | pH: 3.66
Alcohol: 14.8%
Barrel Aging: 18 months in Chateau-style French oak;
78% new & 22% 2nd year.
Bottling Date: May 2012
Price: California suggested retail price is \$70.00 per bottle

