

2008  
Spring Mountain  
Napa Valley  
Cabernet Sauvignon

Blend 100% Cabernet Sauvignon  
Total Production: Only 286 cases



**WINEMAKER NOTES** When Bob Craig consulted on establishing the Spring Mountain Aopellation in 1993, it wasn't difficult to make a case for this region's place as a distinctive growing ares, producing wines that are so different from other Napa Vallewy AVAs ~ especially Cabernet Sauvignons. Our very limited-production Spring Mountain offering is a perfect example in its deep purple color, rich blueberry and exotic plum fruit, and its substantial weight and body. Unfiltered and unfinned.

**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 contours, and moderate climate combine to produce densely concentrated winegrapes. The 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:* Beautiful Spring Mountain blueberry, huckleberry and dark plum lead the way, overlain with a delicate perfume of violets and iris, finishing with cream. *Flavors:* The deep pool of plush, rich flavors settles across the palate -- black cherry, fresh plum, and wild berry preserves enriched by Mayacamas cassis, floral notes, cream, and a touch of graphite. *Finish:* A broad base of polished tannins carries through from the mid-palate to a robust, silken finish. *General:* This firmly structured, multi-dimensional wine is a sure candidate for extended aging. Decanting recommended.

**WINE INFORMATION** *Harvest date:* October 20  
*Average sugar:* 25.8° Brix  
*TA:* .60  
*pH:* 3.84  
*Alcohol:* 14.8%  
*Barrel Aging:* 18 months in Chateau-style French oak, 72% new and 28% second year  
*Bottling Date:* May 2010  
*Price:* California suggested retail price is \$70.00 per bottle.  
*Release Date:* October 2011

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