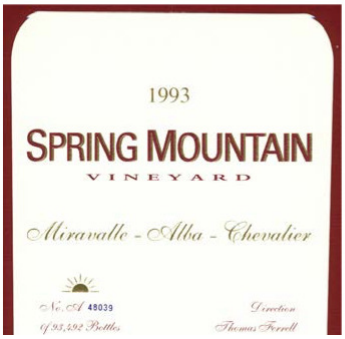
SPRING MOUNTAIN VINEYARD

Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 1993



APPELLATION
Napa Valley
Spring Mountain District

VINEYARDS
Chevalier, Miravalle,
York Creek, Alba

VARIETALS
Cabernet Sauvignon 76%,
Merlot 13%, Cabernet Franc 11%

ALCOHOL
13.5%

AGING
22 months in new French oak

PRODUCTION
7,791 cases

WINEMAKER
Greg Vita / Tom Ferrell

WINERY RETAIL
$360 (Mar. 2026)

Spring Mountain Vineyard is an 845-acre estate on the eastern slopes of Spring Mountain in Napa Valley. Originally four contiguous 19th-century vineyards – Miravalle, La Perla, Alba, and Chevalier – the estate is now one vineyard producing exclusively estate-grown wines. Only 225 acres are planted to vine, representing 135 discrete hillside vineyard blocks with multiple soil types, exposures, and microclimates. A substantial portion of the vineyard is planted in densities of over 4,000 vines per acre and trained to the ancient gobelet form. The austere mountain soils produce extremely low yields of intensely flavored, long-lived wines of structure, grace, and longevity.

The inaugural release. Spring Mountain Vineyard was newly formed in 1992 and released its first wine from the 1993 vintage. The estate vineyards included Chevalier, Miravalle, and Alba, with additional fruit from the neighboring York Creek vineyard – making this the only non-estate bottled wine in the SMV portfolio.

Unexpected rain mid-May during bloom led to smaller berry set, resulting in a smaller crop than in previous years. A cool summer allowed grapes to ripen slowly and evenly. These two conditions contributed to excellent fruit maturity and wine quality which was rich and concentrated with deep color. Berry flavor was intense.

"Good color with deep extraction. Earthy, dry flower aromas mingle with concentrated berry fruit. Nuances of dark spice – clove and allspice – marry with the fruit and oak to intensify the complexity of the wine. A solid attack with great weight and concentrated berry fruit shows that the wine is still very youthful. The finish exhibits rich notes of espresso and cola. A vibrant wine with at least a decade of life remaining. – Jac Cole, September 2009"

"The 1993 shows a deep ruby core with a few millimeters of brick-red to brick-orange rim evolution. The nose is clean at medium aromatic intensity, and the wine reads as fully in its mature phase. Aromatically, the profile is more tertiary-led than primary. Earth and development notes are present – organic mushroom and potting soil, alongside a damp, creek-stone and mossy character. The standout signature is a cool alpine herb note – minty, lifted, and distinctive – which gives the wine its clearest identity in the glass. On the palate, the wine is dry with medium-plus acidity, medium-plus alcohol, and a medium-bodied frame. Tannins are soft and highly integrated. This 1993 is best understood as a fully mature, lighter-framed expression – a Pinot Noir drinker's Cabernet with lifted alpine herb character, savory earth, and gentle structure. – Cameron Cotton, 2025"