

**APPELLATION**

*Estate Grown & Bottled
Napa Valley
Spring Mountain District*

HARVEST

*September 12th through
October 14th*

ELEVAGE

*18 months in French oak,
60% new*

BOTTLED

July 2016

RELEASE

March 2018

WINEMAKER

Justin Hirigoyen

WINERY RETAIL

\$130 (Mar. 2026)

SPRING MOUNTAIN VINEYARD

Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2014

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 2014 is the “mid-life engine” of the Spring Mountain library – ripe, energetic, and structurally vivid, showing both immediate pleasure and clear aging runway. Justin Hirigoyen’s first vintage at the estate, supported by Patrick Léon and Bernard Hervet.

A great year at Spring Mountain Vineyard. Continued drought conditions accelerated the phenological stages, leading to an earlier than normal harvest. The 2013/2014 winter was one of the driest on record, but scattered rainstorms early in the growing season provided much needed water. Favorable weather during set allowed the vines to produce a healthy balanced quantity of clusters with small and concentrated berries. The resulting wines show wonderful concentration and depth of flavor framed by a dense and fine tannin structure.

“The 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon shows classical mountain Cabernet aromas of black currant, cherry and plum, accented by violets, bay leaf and olive. The wine opens as powerful and round on the entry and broad across the mid-palate. Spicy aromas of allspice and cedar complement the structural frame and bright core of fruit. The harmony and balance carry through the finish and linger on the palate. – Spring Mountain Vineyard”

“The 2014 carries a deep ruby core with gradual rim lightening. Ripe red cherry and blackberry are framed by floral perfume, cedar, nutmeg, and pencil shavings. On the palate, the wine is dry, full-bodied, with high-toned acidity and tannins that are softened but still present and shaping. It is in an excellent window today, with enough structural reserve to continue developing gracefully over the next decade. The 2014 is the mid-life engine of the vertical – ripe, energetic, and structurally vivid. – Cameron Cotton, 2025”

ACCOLADES

95 - 2018, *Tasting Panel*

94 - 2018, *Wine Enthusiast*

92 - 2018, *Wine & Spirits*

