SPRING MOUNTAIN VINEYARD

Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2018

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.

Youthful but already highly serviceable – lifted, food-friendly, and structured enough to cellar while offering immediate composure. Justin Hirigoyen's final vintage at the estate produced wines of exceptional depth, power, and balance.

2018 brought another stellar growing season. Drier than normal conditions through the 2017–2018 winter caused some concerns but higher February and March rainfall totals filled reservoirs. Both bud break and flowering occurred slightly later than average but near-perfect conditions resulted in good cluster set and a strong crop load. Summer months brought ideal ripening conditions with moderate heat and without major heat spikes. The extended hang time allowed for great flavor and phenolic development creating wines with depth, power, and balance.

"The evidence of the excellent growing season of 2018 is apparent in the complexity of aromas, flavors, and textures. Upon opening, the wine shows dusty cherry and blue fruits on the nose. Lavender, white pepper, and nutmeg spice appear alongside notes of gravel and crushed herbs. On the palate, the wine begins with bright raspberry and cherry notes before evolving into hints of hibiscus and pomegranate followed by darker notes of soft blue fruits and earthy bramble. Fruit and oak tannins are polished and well-integrated, showing great balance with bright acidity. – Spring Mountain Vineyard"

"The 2018 is deep ruby with slight rim variation and a fresh, lifted aromatic set. Red cherry and blackberry sit at the core, with plum and restrained cedar/oak spice. On the palate, the wine is dry, full-bodied, with medium-plus acidity and tannins that are smooth in texture but clearly present and plentiful. The 2018 is youthful but already highly serviceable – lifted, food-friendly, and structured enough to cellar while still offering immediate composure. – Cameron Cotton, 2025"

APPELLATION
Estate Grown & Bottled
Napa Valley
Spring Mountain District

HARVEST
September 27th through November 1st

ELEVAGE
20 months in French oak, 60% new

BOTTLED
August 2020

RELEASE
September 2021

WINEMAKER
Justin Hirigoyen

WINERY RETAIL
$125 (Mar. 2026)