

TECHNICAL NOTES

APPELLATION: Spring Mountain, Napa Valley

> VARIETALS: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon ALCOHOL: 15.0% by vol.

> > PH: 3.65 TA: 6.3 g/L

AGING: 19 months in 58% new French oak

VEGAN FRIENDLY



RIVALLEY

DISTRICT COLLECTION SPRING MOUNTAIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2021

IN THE VINEYARD

The grapes for the Spring Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon were harvested from a single vineyard sitting on a very steep, hillside. Planted on Aiken loam soils, which were formed from basic volcanic rocks offering well-drained soils.

ABOUT THE VINTAGE

2021 was a smooth and uneventful harvest season. June started out warm, followed by a cool and foggy July and August that slowed ripening and caused nice retention of acidity. Even ripening, with no extreme heat events, made for ideal growing conditions. Sparse winter rains resulted in an early budbreak, evenly developed clusters, and smaller berries packed full of flavor. Overall, the fruit was exceptional, making it another amazing year for quality.

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WINEMAKER

The grapes were hand harvested in the early morning hours of September 30 before going through extended maceration with the fruit on skins for 62 days. After native fermentation, the wine was gently pressed, racked and aged for 19 months in 58% new Demptos and Ermitage French oak barrels. The wine was bottled unfined and unfiltered on July 18, 2023.

WINE PROFILE

Scents of bittersweet chocolate, roasted herbs, raspberry, and intense black pepper waft gently from the vessel. The palate is enriched with assertive tastes of crisp blackberry and deep plum, harmoniously counterbalanced by traces of cocoa, cinnamon, and cassis, resulting in a multifaceted flavor experience. Silky tannins and harmonized acidity guide the way to a prolonged and commanding conclusion.

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