



2013 Cabernet Sauvignon SMD

Spring Mountain District, California



PRODUCER PROFILE

Winemaker: Sam Baxter

Estate founded: 1996

Region: California, USA



COMPOSITION

Cabernet Sauvignon 77%

Merlot 13%

Syrah 7%

Petite Sirah 3%

Cabernet Franc 1%

VINEYARDS

Located at the northwestern end of Napa Valley, just south of Diamond Mountain and overlooking St. Helena, Spring Mountain is one of Napa Valley's premier mountain locations. Primarily sedimentary soils; weathered sandstone/shale, loamy and friable in texture. Drainage is high, fertility low. Vineyards are planted on steep, east-facing terraces at elevations between 400 and 2600 feet. Spring Mountain has a long growing season with cooler days and warmer nights than the valley floor. Annual rainfall of 40 to 50 inches. The climate and soils results in rich, supple wines that maintain a sense of elegance and balance. Mineral elements and good acidity compliment plush, ripe red and black fruit flavors.

WINEMAKING

48-hour cold soak, 21 day maceration.

AGING

15 Months in 100% French Oak, 60% new.

CASES PRODUCED

1450 cases produced.

TASTING NOTES

Ripe black fruits layered with boysenberry, Bing cherry, plum, and mulberry with cedar, cocoa, anise, sage, and caramel notes rounding out the aromas. The rich and savory tannins are forward on the palate and extend into the bright and soft mid-palate. Long and rich fruit tannings layer the finish lingering with sweet caramel and vanilla notes.

FOOD PAIRING

Fillet steak with foie gras and truffles.

Technical data

Alcohol: 14,9%