



# 2014 Cabernet Sauvignon SMD

Spring Mountain District, California



## PRODUCER PROFILE

Winemaker: Sam Baxter

Estate founded: 1996

Region: California, USA



## COMPOSITION

Cab Sauv 80%

Merlot 10%

Cabernet Franc 6%

Petite Sirah 4%

## 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

Pressed into small stainless steel tanks and neutral 60 gallon barrels

## AGING

Aged surlie for 5 months in neutral French Oak Puncheons.

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

## CASES PRODUCED

1380 cases

## TASTING NOTES

Black currant and licorice dominate with Bing cherry and blackberry. Notes of clove, caramel and cedar in the background with cocoa and graphite. Soft coating tannins greet the forward palate with layers of dark chocolate and long and juicy finish.

## FOOD PAIRING

Beef wellington with honey roasted carrots.

## Technical data

Alcohol: 14,9%