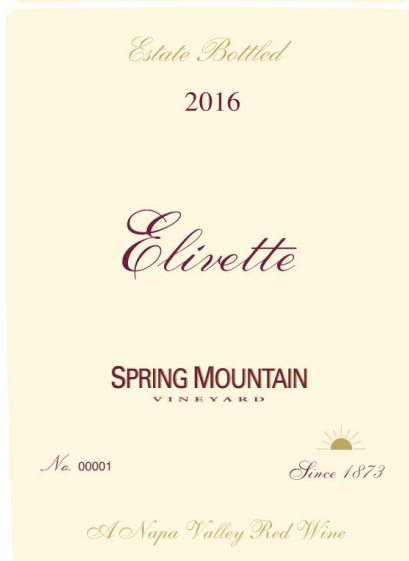


2016 Elivette

Appellation:	Estate grown & bottled - Napa Valley Spring Mountain District
Assemblage:	Cabernet Sauvignon 61%, Cabernet Franc 18%, Petit Verdot 9%, Malbec 6%, Merlot 6%
Elevage:	20 months in new French oak
Bottled:	August 2018
Released:	April 2020

*Pete el que ensaya lo absurdo es capaz de conquistar lo imposible.
Only he who attempts the absurd is capable of achieving the impossible.
-- Miguel de Unamuno, 1914*



Tasting Notes

The 2016 vintage in Napa Valley was extraordinary and it shows in the 2016 Elivette. A moderate summer and slightly longer growing season brought out the intense aromas of a classically styled Napa Red Wine. The aroma profile is dominated by bright fresh fruits, beginning with wild berries and tart rhubarb but finishing in darker tones of plum and blueberries. On the palate the wine is rich and round on the front end but finishes focused and polished showing the classic tannin profile of our select vineyard blocks which compose Elivette. The fruit mingles with cracked pepper, sage, and hints of integrated oak. Licorice and espresso show themselves on the long lingering finish. As always this wine will age beautifully for the next 10-15+ years but with decanting will open up into a youthful but approachable wine ready to drink now.

2016 Vintage

The 2016 vintage at Spring Mountain Vineyard is one of the best of the decade. Ideal conditions during flowering led to a balanced, healthy crop. The growing season progressed almost perfectly with mild summer days that built towards a warmer ideal ripening period in September and October. 2016 allowed for a carefully planned pick date that was not forced by any severe weather incidents or conditions. The resulting wines highlight the balance between nuance, power, and depth that can occur in great vintages. The 2016 wines have an exceptional purity of fruit with elegance, finesse and complexity.

About Elivette

The creation of Elivette is a collaboration of winemaker and vineyard manager who capitalize on the exceptional diversity of Spring Mountain's complex vineyard to achieve its finest expression. From 135 vineyard blocks, the fruit kept separate to preserve the unique qualities during fermentation and barrel aging, comes a broad array of wines that are considered for Elivette. During blending, only the most elegant, structured wines are chosen in a vintage-specific cuvée that reflects the ultimate beauty and longevity of wines from the estate.

About Spring Mountain Vineyard

Over fifty years, Spring Mountain Vineyard has gained a reputation for the classic Bordeaux varieties, grown organically in 19th century vineyards high above the Napa Valley. The unmatched beauty and diversity of the estate vineyard reveal authentic terroir in wines of structure, grace and longevity. Only estate grown and bottled wines are produced from 225 acres planted to vine.