



## 2015 District Collection Spring Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon



### TECHNICAL NOTES

**Appellation:** Spring Mountain, Napa Valley

**Varietal:** 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Alcohol:** 15 % by vol.

**pH:** 3.67 g/L

**TA:** 5.7

**Barrel Aged:** 20 months in 44% new French oak barrels

### In the Vineyard

The grapes for the Spring Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon were sourced from a single vineyard sitting at approximately 1,900 feet in elevation that features a mix of Boomer and Forward soils that are formed from weathered metavolcanics and igneous rocks, along with rhyolitic tuff. The well-drained volcanic and sedimentary soils coupled with high winter rainfall, cool springtime weather and warm harvest nights lead to a unique flavor profile. Intense fruit flavors and complex mountain tannins best characterize wines from this vineyard.

### About the Vintage

The unseasonably warm temperatures in the early growing season in the Napa Valley in 2015 resulted in early bud break and bloom. Colder temperatures later in the season caused uneven fruit set and resulted in a smaller crop than previous average yields. Winemakers and vineyard crews worked diligently to pick and sort the best berries. While drought was still a concern for most of California, Napa Valley received 75% of normal rainfall for the water year.

### Conversations with the Winemaker

All Clone 7, the grapes were fermented on the skins for 53 days with pump overs twice daily. After native fermentation, the wine was gently pressed, racked and aged for 20 months in 44% new French oak barrels from coopers Demptos and Baron. Tightly grained French oak barrels impart their oak to wines slowly for a consistent, well-rounded aging process while yielding subtle oak influences to the Cabernet Sauvignon.

### Wine Profile

Our 2015 Spring Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon opens with enticing aromas of black cherries with a hint of mushrooms and earth. On the palate, this wine bursts open with flavors of dark plums and black tea with balanced mineral notes that leads to a long, satisfying finish. Focused and structure driven, the wine has more tannins and more grip that make this a wine to be enjoyed now or cellared for the next 10+ years.