



## 2015 SPRING MOUNTAIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON



### VINEYARD

Newton's Spring Mountain property was purchased in 1977 by the Newton family who quickly established 73 acres of vineyard and a winery within the 560 acre mountainous and heavily forested property. Now with a mature vineyard planted exclusively to Bordeaux red varieties and in combination with an extensive replanting program now bearing well established vines the property represents a treasure trove of wine potential. Our Spring Mountain property ranges in altitude from 500 to 1600 feet with a complex combination of both sedimentary and volcanic origin soil types presenting a diverse, moderately fertile, and well drained medium perfectly suited to Cabernet Sauvignon. The wines are typically deeply complex with aromatic high notes complementing the richly textured and layered palate.

### VINTAGE CONDITIONS

The 2015 season was one of contrasts. The vintage was noted by significantly reduced yields (-35-50%) a result of a cool and damp flowering period in Spring which resulted in poor fruit set and fewer berries per bunch. The Summer and Autumn were hot and dry continuing the run of drought conditions which commenced from the 2012 vintage. The quality of the fruit was outstanding although in limited supply with the vintage likely to be recognized as one of Napa Valley's greatest.

### VINIFICATION

The 2015 Spring Mountain District was a selection of Cabernet from blocks 704, 705, 727, 728, 752, 758, 760, 767 with an average vine age of 25 years. Once harvested, the grapes were hand-sorted to inspect individual berries. The must was then fermented in separate lots and barrel aged for 12 months before being blended and returned to barrel for further maturation. 1042 cases produced.

### TASTING NOTES

Distinctive red and black currant and blueberry fruit with a lifted perfume of violets, mint, soy sauce and dried thyme. Full bodied with a grapey freshness and deeper dark flavors of mocha, red currant and asphalt. Rich with a silky texture, savory tannins and a long, cool finish.

### SERVING AND CELLARING

The 2015 vintage is tight, complex and intense and will look its best with 5 years in the bottle and will certainly improve with age beyond 20 years.

### HARVEST DATES

September 11 - 22, 2015

### COMPOSITION

90% Cabernet Sauvignon  
10% Cabernet Franc

PH 3.73 TA 6.0 g/L ALC 14%

