



Cabernet Sauvignon Spring Mountain District 2021

Harvest Date:	September 16 th , October 7 th , 11 th , 16 th , 19 th
Grape Source:	Spring Mountain District (York Creek, Barnett Vineyards). All Estate.
Blend:	88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Petit Verdot
Aging:	22 months in French Oak Barrels 70% new and 30% two to five years old
Alcohol:	14.7%
Total Production:	106 Barrels
Release Date:	January 2023
Winemaker:	David Tate

Vintage Notes: We did not make any Spring Mountain wine in 2020. The glass fire that started on the Vaca Mountain range jumped across the valley to Spring Mountain at the end of September. The smoke ruined the fruit for premium winemaking. That being said, we are very excited to be releasing our amazing 2021 vintage. The season started with a warm Spring then very hot summer, which fortunately moderated into the fall allowing us more hang time for the fruit. This cooler fall resulted in thicker skins resulting in a very concentrated style of Cabernet Sauvignon.

Winemaker Notes: The grapes were sourced from our estate and neighboring York Creek Vineyards, with the entire blend being solely from the Spring Mountain Appellation and all under estate control. The first grapes to come in were the Petit Verdot. Weeks later the Cabernet Sauvignon hit perfect physiological ripeness and the multiple microclimate blocks came in nicely spread out due to the moderate heat. We finished maceration, skin contact, in less than 17 days for all but one block. Each vineyard block was then aged separately for 22 months, the barrels being French oak and 70% new. 12% Petit Verdot was added for further structure and to add complexity to the nose.

Tasting Notes: The 2021 Spring Mountain Cabernet exhibits the darkest purple that we have ever had on this wine. Blackberry, caramel, and anise jump from the glass. There are beautiful notes of cassis concentrate, cedar, and dark cigar tobacco. The wine has a pretty and silky entry, with more dark berry fruit and cigar box notes. Black cherry and rich dark chocolate are also present on the palate. The tannins are very firm this year, yet chalky and not biting. There is strong mountain acidity to balance the tannins out. The wine has a long cocoa/nib mocha finish. This big, concentrated Cabernet will age beautifully over the next 14-16 years (2037-2038).