TERRA
VALENTINE

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2013 SPRING MOUNTAIN DISTRICT
CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Vintage:

"Early, even and excellent" are three words being use to describe this year's growing season and the Napa Valley wine grapes that have come from it, reflecting the consistent quality for which this world famous wine region is known.

A warm, dry spring brought early bud break, helped with canopy vigor and berry size and created ideal conditions for flowering and fruit set under sunny skies. With the exception of one heat spike in late June/early July, temperatures were consistently in the zone for optimal vine activity, resulting in notably healthy vines as fruit went through veraison and started ripening. The cooler, sunny weather throughout October allowed the final grapes still on the vine to linger longer, developing more phenolic and flavor maturities with sugar levels remaining steady.

Vineyard:

The grapes for the 2013 SMD Cab come from 3 outstanding vineyards on Spring Mountain. The core of the blend is the legendary cab sauvignon from the Wurtele Vineyard. The other two vineyards provide the blending grapes that add layers and complexity to the Cabernet Sauvignon. The wine is a true representation of the range of flavors and elegance found in the Spring Mountain District.

Tasting:

Ripe black fruits layered with boysenberry, bing cheery, plum, and mulberry with cedar, cocoa, anise, sage, and caramel notes rounding out the aromas. The rich and savory tannins are forward on the palate and extend into the bright and soft mid-palate. Long and rich fruit tannings layer the finish lingering with sweet caramel and vanilla notes.

Bottling: 1450 cases

Harvest Dates:
October 15 - October 30th

Vinification:
48 hour cold soak,
21 day maceration

Aging: 2015 - 2021

Composition:
77% Cab Sauv
13% Merlot
7% Syrah
3% Petite Sirah
1% Cabernet Franc

Barrel Regime:
15 Months in 100%
French Oak, 60% new