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One of Napa Valley's
First-Growth Wines and Vineyards

ROBERT PARKER, WINE ADVOCATE

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SPOTTSWOODE

A Family Wine Estate

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THE ART OF LIVING

At the highest level, wine is somehow ethereal. A well-crafted wine possesses a truly timeless quality. In a very real sense, its life stages mirror our own—wines can live as fully as we do. As someone lucky enough to have grown up in a vineyard, I celebrate this parallel connection between wine and people.

WE ASPIRE TO CRAFT WINES THAT, WHILE BEAUTIFUL IN THEIR YOUTH, AGE GRACEFULLY AND DEVELOP THE EXQUISITE PATINA THAT COMES WITH TIME.

Wines have a distinct life cycle, which begins in the vineyard as buds, flowers, and then grapes. After a careful hand-harvest, fermentation transforms the fruit into wine. At Spottswode, we then put our Cabernet Sauvignon into barrel, where it ages for approximately 20 months. Over this time we create our blend and then put it into bottle, cellaring it for roughly 14 months before we release it to the world. At this nascent stage, we always note that the wine exhibits “baby fat.” A term common in our industry, baby fat refers to the soft, fruit forward, not wholly integrated state of the new wine—all of its characteristics are cohesive, yet still slightly disparate. Youthful and open, fresh and unguarded, the wine’s potential is evident. It is a joy to drink this unabashed, “unplugged” version of the wine.



BOB MCCLANAHAN

At first our Cabernet seems to age slowly, but that is really an illusion. The wine actually evolves almost imperceptibly, showing subtle changes that can be easy to miss. For about three years after release, it remains young, happy, and buoyant. Open to the world. We find immense pleasure in enjoying this youthful, still-emerging wine.

Like an adolescent, great intrigue comes with the teenage years of Cabernet. While all of its components and characteristics are there, the wine is somewhat unsure of itself during this “tween” time. Rambunctious and delicious to taste, we know that it will gain greater complexity and nuance in its future. And so we wait. And anticipate....

More time spent in the bottle allows our wine to reveal intricate new layers, traits that can only emerge after sitting with itself for a while. Ten to fifteen years of age is a magical era in a wine’s life—a phase that seems to strike a perfect balance between the fruit and oak qualities of youth, and the nuances that maturity brings. Drinking wine at this stage, and up to 20–25 years of age, is a phenomenal experience.

The wine continues to evolve and, if cellared well, will keep maturing beautifully for many years. The fruit of youth inevitably fades into the background, replaced by the tertiary aromas and flavors that only time can bring. Wine will age for as long as it is meant to, subtly changing along the way. No longer carrying its ripe youthful exuberance, it gains depth and complexity. We aspire to achieve this ethereal nature in our winemaking, crafting wines that age gracefully and develop the exquisite patina that comes with patience and time in the bottle.



YIANNI STONER, SPOTTSWOODE ESTATE

BUILT IN 1884, OUR PRE-PROHIBITION WINERY SERVES AS OUR SECOND-YEAR BARREL ROOM.

This parallel between the interesting, graceful evolution of a wine and that of one's personal life makes me think of my Mom, Mary Novak. She passed away in late 2016, at 84 years of age, nearly perfectly developed and at a pinnacle in the long trajectory of a meaningful, gracious, well-enjoyed existence. Like the wines made from her Spottswode Estate, she progressed from her birth to a very graceful and lovely old age, reflecting impeccable character, authenticity, and beauty throughout. Happily, Spottswode wines seem to age much in the model of their founder!

Wines do live and breathe, and at their best, they offer a visceral, intellectual, and emotional experience. Like people, they have something compelling to offer at each stage. Which means that you can and should enjoy them along the way—by drinking them at different phases of their development, we witness their fascinating progression.

Cheers to enjoying the ride!

Beth N. Milliken

December, 2017



LINDY NOVAK & BETH NOVAK MILLIKEN

BILL TUCKER



THOMAS HEINER

A PERFECT SCORE

While we are told that true perfection does not exist, a 100, be it on a wine or on an exam, is a remarkable achievement. That our 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon—and our 2010 and 2002 Cabernets—have each achieved 100 points from the *Wine Advocate* is something that we are still processing. We are elated—and truly grateful—that the Spottswode Estate Vineyard and the Cabernets that we produce from its fruit are so highly regarded and have achieved such heights!

EACH VINTAGE IS A BENCHMARK, A PERFECT WINE IN THE CONTEXT OF WHAT MOTHER NATURE PROVIDES EACH YEAR.

For those of us who produce wines, we know how a score fixes a wine at one quick moment in time, possibly marking it for its life.

For us, each wine we make here at Spottswode represents the very best we can possibly coax from each vintage. It is a benchmark, a perfect wine in the context of what Mother Nature provides each year. The culmination of an entire growing season, of a million decisions, large and small, made in the vineyard and in the winery, in the barrel cellar and through blending and bottling. Each wine is its own version of perfection, honestly reflecting our Estate Vineyard in each unique vintage.



BOB MCCLANAHAN

2015 SPOTTSWOODE ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON
The deep purple-black colored 2015 Cabernet Sauvignon has a beautiful nose of dried roses, lavender and Chinese five spice over a core of warm blackcurrants, kirsch and wild blueberries, plus wafts of fallen leaves and dusty earth. The medium to full-bodied palate features the most amazing intensity of perfumed red, black and blue fruit flavors supported by exquisitely fine-grained tannins and seamless freshness, finishing with epic length and depth. Truly stunning. 100 points

LISA PERROTTI-BROWN, WINE ADVOCATE

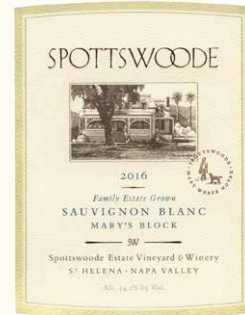
ONE YEAR LATER

As I write this, in November of 2017, we have gone through just over a full year of our Mom not being here with us. That she is gone still seems almost impossible. Perhaps this is because she was such an amazing life force. And because we feel her supportive presence everywhere here at Spottswood. While we miss her deeply, we know how very fortunate we are to have had such an incredible Mom; quietly strong, she persevered to create, build, and ultimately leave an extraordinary legacy in Spottswood.

In her honor, in 2016 we created our first “Mary’s Block” Sauvignon Blanc, which comes exclusively from her 1.07-acre block in our Estate Vineyard. Our Mom loved Sauvignon Blanc, and this wine reflects her grace and all that she appreciated in her favorite varietal. In her honor, twenty percent of the proceeds from the sale of Mary’s Block Sauvignon Blanc will be donated each year to the Land Trust of Napa County, a land conservation organization that our Mom supported and for which our family has the greatest respect.

Spottswood lives on. Beth, Kelley, Mike, Matt, and I are honored to be working together to ensure that it remains a healthy, viable family winegrowing estate for many years into the future, and that beauty and open space in Napa Valley are protected into perpetuity.

Lindy Novak



2016 was the inaugural vintage of our estate-grown Mary's Block Sauvignon Blanc.



THE NOVAK FAMILY (LEFT TO RIGHT):
MATT, LINDY, MIKE, MARY, BETH, AND KELLEY

MARY NOVAK WAS A LONG-SUPPORTING MEMBER OF THE LAND TRUST OF NAPA COUNTY. BITER CREEK CANYON (OPPOSITE) IS PART OF THE PROTECTED LANDS.



heritage of
conservation

HARVEST 2017

What a year—2017 is definitely one for the history books! The weather extremes that now seem more frequent came in spades this year. Early 2017 began with welcome rain, breaking our five-year drought, setting rainfall records, and causing some flooding in our valley. The wet soils encouraged a late March budbreak and vigorous early season vine growth. The rain also encouraged mildew growth...which was mitigated through our organic practices and May's high temperatures. Hail surprised us in early June, but it did not adversely affect our Estate Vineyard. The summer was hotter than normal, with more than 26 days over 100°F, seven of those days reaching 110°F+. Temperatures cooled slightly two weeks before and after the August 21st eclipse, but as harvest neared we were once again subject to extreme heat. For our Sauvignon Blanc, we used our fruit processing system that allowed us to destem and optically sort each grape, leaving only the best for our wines. The system was implemented with our Cabernet Sauvignon in mind, and in using it on the Sauvignon Blanc for the first time, it was very successful.

This same heat also impacted our Cabernet vines—the high temperatures caused the vines to protect themselves and the fruit to plateau, and we didn't see sugar change for nearly a month. This was something we'd never seen as a function of too much heat. Amazingly, what we ultimately picked was completely unexpected. The fruit was juicy,



BOB MCLENNAN

acidic, aromatic, and relatively low in sugars. The resulting wines are beautiful. There won't be a white wine we make below 14% alcohol, and in a most peculiar turn, the Estate Cabernet Sauvignon will be lucky to achieve that. Luckily for Spottswode, all of our Estate Cabernet had been brought in prior to the unprecedented wildfires that raged in Napa and Sonoma in early October.

It was a unique and unbelievably challenging growing season and harvest, yet with all of our meticulous attention to detail, we are now glad to sit back and enjoy the fruits of our labor. The 2017 wines are distinctive and beautiful, promising a great life ahead.



THOMAS HEINER

GIVING THANKS

The fires that raged in both Napa and Sonoma counties this past October were of epic proportions, sparked from a combination of unusually powerful Diablo winds and the power lines they knocked down. The two weeks that the fires burned were hot and dry, with intermittent, unpredictable gusts of wind. It was both surreal and frightening to see flames and smoke from every vantage point.

We are forever grateful to the remarkable crews who came from all over to fight the fires, and to the first responders who helped people in need. Without them, so much more might have been lost.

Fortunately for us, Spottswode and St. Helena were spared, and our Cabernet grape harvest finished the day before the fires broke out. Our amazing vineyard and winery crew continued to work



throughout, and we thank them for their extraordinary efforts. Our 2017 Cabernet was, thankfully, not affected by the incendiary activity, and it shows immense promise. Our Sauvignon Blanc had been picked a month prior. We are very lucky on many fronts.

The communities in Napa and Sonoma are coming together to help those who have experienced so much loss—the camaraderie around the rebuilding efforts is phenomenal. The natural beauty that still inspires awe and warm hospitality in both counties remains. Please visit and be an important part of our rebuilding!

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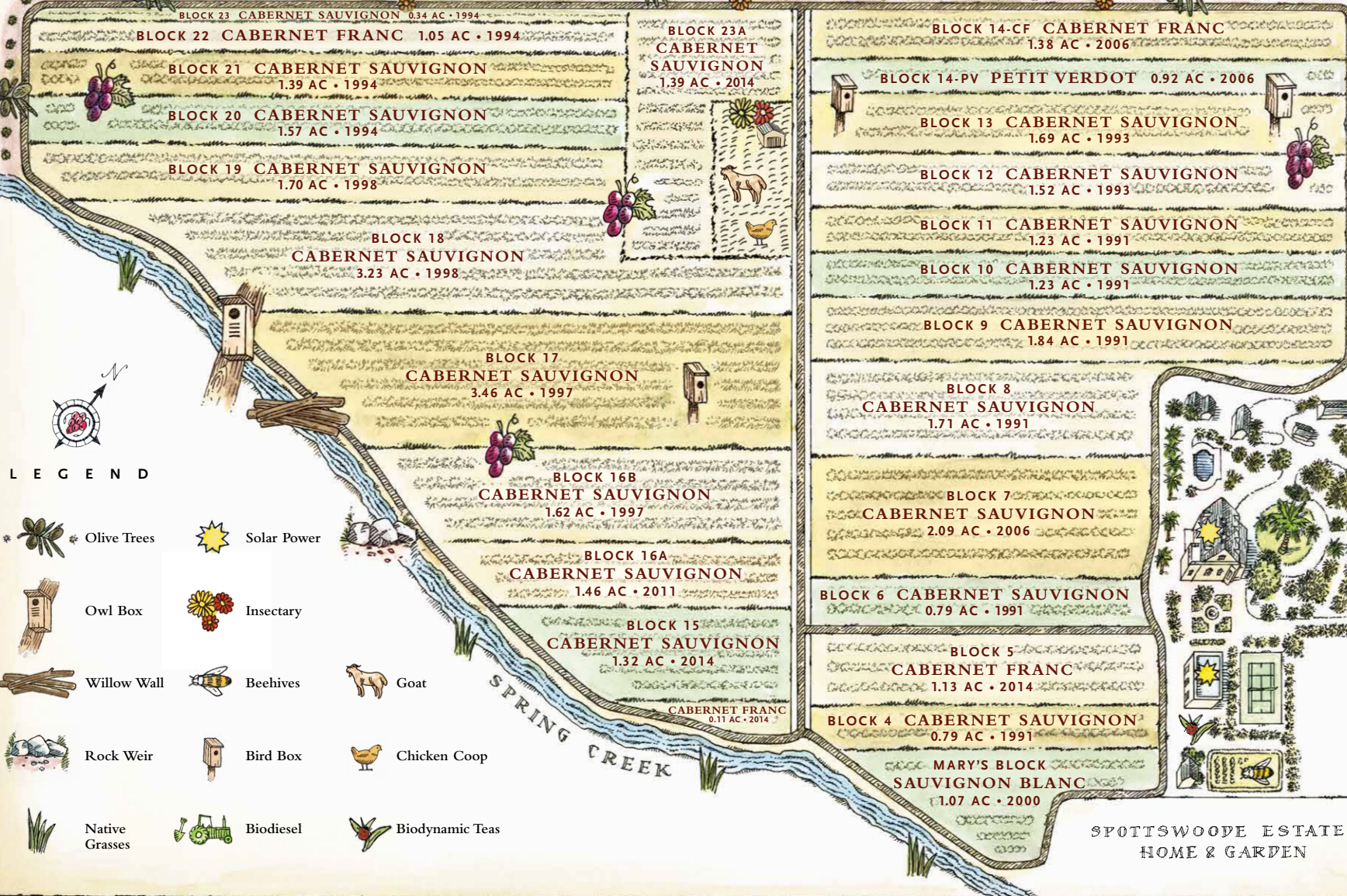
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WINERY & TASTING ROOM



MADRONA AVENUE

HUDSON AVENUE



**CRAFTING EXCEPTIONAL
ESTATE CABERNET
SAUVIGNON SINCE 1982**

Situated on the western edge of St. Helena at the foot of the Mayacamas Mountains, the Spottswode *terroir* is ideal for growing fine wine grapes. The alluvial clay loam soils from the Sulphur Creek fan provides superb drainage, while cool maritime breezes passing through the gap between Spring Mountain and the Mayacamas range allow berries to ripen slowly.

At Spottswode, the roles of winemaking and vineyard management are integrated, and the individual attention given to each vineyard block contributes to the consistently incredible quality and true expression of our *terroir*.

Our forty acres are planted to Cabernet Sauvignon, with small blocks of Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, and Sauvignon Blanc. We have organically farmed our grapes since 1985 and were officially certified in 1992.



2015 SPOTTSWOODE ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The 2015 Spottswode Estate Cabernet is fresh and complex, a beautiful reflection of its warm, low-yielding vintage—balancing classic Spottswode elegance with plush tannins and concentrated fruit.

The growing season began with a dry winter and mild weather which segued into one of the coolest Mays on record. This impacted bloom and fruit set, and contributed to significantly lower yields. The early summer months were relatively temperate and ripening moved along at a moderate pace, which then picked up significantly in the late summer when we experienced several heat events. Shade cloth, overhead misting, targeted irrigations, and our vines' natural canopies protected our fruit and preserved the freshness that we so prize in our grapes and wines. In September, there was more heat and we picked at a slightly higher Brix than normal for us, thereby respecting the character of the growing season to create wines that authentically tell the story of each vintage. Because the yields were low and harvest was spread out over two weeks, we were able to fine-tune our picking decisions. Our optical sorter again worked beautifully, ensuring that only perfectly ripened fruit made it into our wines.

WINEMAKER NOTES: Opaque deep purple. Packed. Lifted and perfumey. Voluptuous, with a great deal of youthful intensity, demonstrating primary blue and black fruit characters. An enticing potpourri of bakery aromas—chocolate-covered cherries, caramel, spice, coffee bean, boysenberry cream, black cherry, vanilla, crème brûlée, with hints of bay leaf and tobacco, and wonderful underlying minerality. Amazing balance, long finish, structured tannins. Built for aging. We are very excited about this highly anticipated vintage!

SOURCE OF GRAPES

Spottswode Estate Vineyard
Organically farmed since 1985

APPELLATION

St. Helena, Napa Valley

OAK PROFILE

Aged 20 months
French oak barrels
(new barrels 60%)

BLENDING DETAIL

Cabernet Sauvignon 90%
Cabernet Franc 7%
Petit Verdot 3%

RELEASE DATE

September 1, 2018



a perfect score

2015 LYNDENHURST CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Made from grapes grown in our estate vineyard along with those from other exceptional sites, Lydenhurst is a compelling and approachable Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon. Spottswode's long history as a family-owned wine estate, along with our deep wine-making expertise and passionate attention to detail, allow us to craft a Cabernet Sauvignon that is alluring, expressive, and delicious.

The name Lydenhurst comes from our Estate's storied past as a former name of the historic Spottswode property. Fragrant Linden trees planted around the Spottswode gazebo in the late 1800s provided the inspiration for the name, and though only the center pole of the gazebo remains, the trees still bloom in our beautiful gardens today. We chose an image of our pre-Prohibition stone winery building to grace the label. Lydenhurst is made with the same care and intention as our Spottswode Estate Cabernet, and it offers the depth, character, and quality for which we are known.

WINEMAKER NOTES: A lifted nose filled with baking spices reminiscent of a delicious, warm strawberry-blackberry-rhubarb pie. Notes of vanilla, butter crust, nutmeg, and a hint of clove. The palate is very approachable, luscious and pretty, the mouthwatering acidity gives length, and playful, chalky tannins provide structure. Rich, round and mouth-coating, with a nuanced core of vibrant red and black fruits (cherries, red currants, plum, mulberry) and a hint of cedar. A ripe, vibrant and textural wine with a softness that invites early drinking.

SOURCE OF GRAPES

Spottswode Estate, St. Helena
Darms Lane, Napa Valley
Knightsbridge, Knights Valley
Oakville Ranch, Napa Valley
Parry Vineyards, St. Helena
Young Inglewood, St. Helena

APELLATION

Napa Valley

OAK PROFILE

Aged 20 months
French oak barrels
(new 43%)

BLENDING DETAIL

Cabernet Sauvignon 80%
Merlot 12%
Cabernet Franc 6%
Petit Verdot 2%

RELEASE DATE

September 1, 2018



a storied history

2017 SPOTTSWOODE SAUVIGNON BLANC

We have been committed to producing exceptional, classically styled Sauvignon Blanc for three decades. Crafted with great care, our Sauvignon Blanc is a serious and expressive wine with structure and sophistication, meant to stand among the greatest Sauvignon Blancs in the world. We source our grapes from some of the finest vineyards in Napa Valley and on Sonoma Mountain, as well as from our own Spottswode Estate Vineyard. Our method of fermentation—using a combination of small stainless barrels, French oak and concrete, egg-shaped cuves—means that we manage around 200 individual fermentations each vintage. This technique results in a complex, textural, rich, and vibrant wine that is both intellectually compelling and extremely enjoyable. Because our production is small, national availability is limited.

WINEMAKER NOTES: We are extraordinarily proud of our 2017 Sauvignon Blanc. In a vintage of such extreme heat, we were able to craft a wine that is ripe and textured, yet still retains its freshness—a notable achievement! The wine is mouthcoating and viscous, with a balancing acid tension and great mouth-watering juiciness. The beauty is there aromatically, with an initial impression of lime zest, lemon pith, and citrus blossom. It then opens to white peach, nectarine, mandarin, cream, with hints of vanilla and lime curd, both on the nose and on the palate. Rich and texturally enticing, with great balance and length.

SOURCE OF GRAPES

Spottswode Estate, St. Helena
Farina, Sonoma Mountain
Hyde Vineyards, Carneros
Murray, Sonoma Mountain
Pelkan, Knights Valley
Stagecoach, Atlas Peak

APPELLATION

Napa Valley 36%
Sonoma Mountain 64%

FERMENTATION PROFILE

Stainless steel barrels 39%
French oak barrels 53%
Concrete “cuves” 8%

VARIETAL

Sauvignon Blanc 100%

CLONAL SELECTION

Clone 1
Clone 6
Rauscedo 3
Sauvignon Musqué

RELEASE DATE

July 1, 2018



CRAFTING EXTRAORDINARY
SAUVIGNON BLANC
SINCE 1985

We have been making a notable and classically styled Sauvignon Blanc for three decades—it is crafted with the same intention as our Estate Cabernet Sauvignon. Created with great care from fruit grown in exceptional soils, it is a serious wine with structure, sophistication, and the ability to age gracefully.



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SAUVIGNON BLANC

Our complex and layered Sauvignon Blanc begins with sourcing fruit from our estate vineyard and some of the best growers in Napa Valley and on Sonoma Mountain. Over 180 individual fermentations—in a combination of French oak, small stainless steel barrels and concrete "cuves"—allow for specific and finely tuned selections during blending, resulting in a sophisticated and energetic wine.

1 HARVEST 2 GRAPE PRESSING



3

FERMENTATION



Concrete cuves

French oak

Stainless

4 BLENDING 5 BOTTLING 6 RELEASE!



KNIGHTS
VALLEY

PELKAN
VINEYARD
ELEV. 900 ft

ST. HELENA

SPOTTSWOODE ESTATE
VINEYARD & WINERY
MARY'S BLOCK
ELEV. 300 ft

Sonoma
County

SONOMA
MOUNTAIN

FARINA VINEYARD
ELEV. 550 ft

MURRAY VINEYARD
ELEV. 750 ft

Petaluma Gap

Napa
Valley

ATLAS PEAK

STAGE COACH VINEYARD
ELEV. 1400 ft

NAPA

CARNEROS
DISTRICT

HYDE VINEYARDS
ELEV. 70 ft



A MOST ENVIABLE SPOTT

We are very grateful for the passionate support of our customers—the trust and confidence you place in us is extraordinary, and we consider ourselves very fortunate! To show our appreciation, we offer you the opportunity to take an enviable “SPOTT” on our list.

To ensure that our dedicated Spottswode enthusiasts are able to secure our Estate Cabernet directly from our winery’s cellar each year—even during those years when Mother Nature isn’t as bountiful as we hope—we give priority to our most loyal customers, affectionately referred to as TOP SPOTT! and SPOTT ON! An annual purchase of the Spottswode Estate Cabernet Sauvignon automatically qualifies you as a member of one of our special groups—a full-case purchase

makes one TOP SPOTT!, while a six-bottle purchase makes one SPOTT ON!. Each “SPOTT” has its own benefits. Allocations of the Spottswode Cabernet are based on purchase history—and our TOP SPOTT! and SPOTT ON! members are offered our wines first and well in advance of the wine’s availability in the marketplace.

New this year, we have created a beautifully illustrated six-bottle laydown wooden case exclusively for our TOP SPOTT! customers!

For those of you who purchase a 12-bottle case of the 2015 Spottswode Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, six of your twelve bottles will arrive in this special case. This is offered at no extra charge if ordered by April 6th (while supplies last).



SPOTTSWOODE ESTATE GARDEN PARTY

ROSEMARY CAKEBREAD



BOB MCLENAHAN

SPOTT ON! BENEFITS

- ✿ Wine allocations offered prior to market availability
- ✿ Two complimentary tickets to the annual late summer garden party (value \$250)
- ✿ Two complimentary reservations for a 90-minute tour and tasting (value \$150)
- ✿ Access to limited-production wines for members only, including Spottswode Estate “Mary’s Block” Sauvignon Blanc and Field Book wines
- ✿ First access to our coveted magnum bottles of Estate Cabernet Sauvignon and Sauvignon Blanc

TOP SPOTT! BENEFITS

All SPOTT ON! benefits listed, plus:

- ✿ Two additional complimentary tickets to the annual late summer garden party (total of 4, value \$500)
- ✿ Two additional complimentary reservations for a 90-minute tour and tasting (total of 4, value \$300)
- ✿ Increased allocations of limited-production wines for members only, including Spottswode Estate “Mary’s Block” Sauvignon Blanc and Field Book wines (based on vintage availability)
- ✿ Invitations to intimate events, hosted by Beth Novak Milliken or Lindy Novak, held at the Spottswode Estate
- ✿ Shipping included on entire wine order placed by Friday, April 6, 2018 that includes a 12-bottle purchase of Spottswode Estate Cabernet
- ✿ One six-bottle laydown wooden case per TOP SPOTT! customer at no additional charge for orders placed by Friday, April 6, 2018 (while supplies last)



SPOTTSWOODE ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON IS AVAILABLE IN MAGNUMS.

BOB MCLENAHAN

WINE LIBRARY NOTES

VERTICAL TASTING HELD ON NOVEMBER 7, 2017

This past fall our Spottswode team came together, as we do each year, to taste through 15 vintages of our Estate Cabernet in order to provide you with our collective impressions of our wines at this moment in time. We invite friends and colleagues to participate in this endeavor as well, as outside palates offer us great insights—they bring a perspective that is unique from ours, and we always learn a great deal. This year, we were thrilled to welcome the following participants: Tim Marson (Senior Buyer for wine.com and British MW), Esther Mobley (San Francisco Chronicle), Nicole Murray (GM, Press Restaurant), and DLynn Proctor (Penfolds winemaking ambassador for the North Americas).

Each year, our winemaking team strives to create a Cabernet Sauvignon that beautifully captures its time (vintage) and place (our Estate Vineyard). We seek beauty, depth, freshness, and elegance, crafting a wine that is enjoyable upon release yet has the ability to evolve and bring great pleasure for many

years to come. Spottswode is a wine of a place, with immense strength and power—age-worthy and impeccably balanced. It is our greatest hope that you, our Spottswode customers, get to know each wine and a vintage over time by enjoying it throughout the stages of its life. And we hope that our shared tasting notes will offer you some guidance as to which Spottswode Cabernet vintages in your cellar you might like to try next!

Best in Show

Because wines continue to evolve over time, our impressions vary each year. In this tasting, the group particularly enjoyed the wines marked with our Black Labrador symbol.



YIANNI STONER, SPOTTSWOODE ESTATE

2001 DRINK *(in a great place!)*

A lovely, bright, complex nose full of raspberries, dried strawberries, and forest floor. Warm aromas of black olive, savory dried herbs, leather, cedar, and graphite reflect an attractive maturity. This wine hails from an exceptional vintage—aging gracefully on the palate and still showing great freshness, yet also deep and complex with wonderful richness and weight. Its seamless, structured fine tannins give long length to a harmonious finish. The acid tension and balance are hallmarks of this wine. A gorgeous, aged Cabernet from a standout year in its perfect drinking window, while promising many more years of enjoyment. Amazing!

2002 DRINK A lifted, open nose brimming with warm cherry pie, bouquet garni, exotic spices, and potpourri with hints of secondary bottle age characteristics (boxwood, tobacco). This wine still has plenty of youthful appeal with impressive balance, grace, and density. A full, rich mouth matches the concentration on the nose. Sweet ripe boysenberry and raspberry fruit mingles with earthy mushroom, umami, and tobacco to yield a mouth-filling, lively, extensively long finish. The tannins are firm, yet fine and dusty. This wine still has many great years ahead.

2003 DRINK An expressive bouquet of mixed red fruits and hints of bay leaf, violets, gun smoke, fresh thyme, roses, and sage. The '03 is a perfect mix of evolving secondary and tertiary characteristics demonstrating a beautiful,


elegant, classic example of a great Spottswode Cabernet. In the mouth, the wine has a silky texture with lovely power and grace. Fine chalky tannins complement a dark, savory core of fruit. The wine is stunning and elegant with great purity and lively complexity. It has reached the beginning of its perfect drinking window.

2004 DRINK An intense, unfurling nose of pencil shavings, graphite, and blueberry pie with undertones of anise, rose petal, and cigar box. A rich, full flavored, concentrated wine that is always such a pleasure to taste. The palate has a seductive and vibrant mouthfeel filled with crushed blueberries laced with sage, black olive, and wild Moroccan spices. Well-integrated tannins align with the oak and fruit to yield a very harmonious, long powerful finish. We are seeing slight nuances of bottle age emerging in this wine as it happily settles into its adolescent years.

 2005 DRINK/HOLD A wonderful display of zesty pomegranate, raspberry coulis, and crème de cassis on the nose. Still showing great acid tension, structure, power, elegance, and poise. A dark, savory, meaty, black olive, sage, salted caramel core entices you through to the juicy, succulent palate. This wine has impressive density with firm, yet unobtrusive, tannins. The oak is well-integrated with hints of cocoa and mocha. Although drinking extremely well now, it could reach another level in the next year or two. Hitting its stride.

2006 DRINK/HOLD A wonderfully ripe nose with essence of crushed dark berries, exotic spices, savory olive, and dried herbs. The palate delivers a structured, elegant Cabernet with primary red cherry fruits mingled with layers of citrus, mushroom, hoisin, soy, rose petal, and cocoa bean. Like walking through a Northern California forest. Sensational! The wine is dense and powerful with chalky precise tannins. Well-integrated oak lends perfect support and complexity to this classic vintage. While being delicious now, this wine will go the distance and will reward those who are patient—if you can wait!

2007 DRINK/HOLD This wine took a little while to open up, but when it did (with air and time in the glass) it was simply stunning. There is so much weight, power, and density that the finer nuances were still wound into an elusive core. The nose and palate revealed an impressive vibrancy, depth, energy, and concentration. Red and blue fruits shine over a backdrop of graphite shavings, blackberry pie, and hibiscus tea. The tannins are bold, yet playful, and add a structured dimension. This wine is quiescent and will benefit from a couple more years of cellaring before it will truly reach its peak. A four-hour (plus!) decant will help release its full potential if drunk in the shorter term. Wow!

 **2008 TRY/HOLD** The '08 exudes density and refinement. A dynamic, sweet and savory nose fills the glass.

Highly concentrated. It is just starting to lose some of the 'baby fat' of its youth to reveal exceptional delineation and complexity with fine-grained, powdery integrated tannins. The wine is opulent and muscular and is still rising toward its potential. It seems so effortless in its grace and power. Starting to show maturity while still holding onto its pristine primary fruit complexity. Notable weight and drive from the mid-palate to the finish.

2009 TRY/HOLD Classic Spottswode terroir nose. Rose petals, sweet fruits, raspberries, blueberries, baking spices, and black olive. This is a lovely wine with power and elegance. The '09 has softened and is starting to show the benefits of aging. It is still quite youthful, with intense blueberry cream pie and some olive tapenade on the mid-palate. The powdery tannins and oak spice still have another year or so to fully integrate and make this wine truly exceptional. This is a sublime wine where patience will be rewarded—has years to live.

2010 TRY/HOLD An exceptionally complex and compelling nose. An alluring wine of stature, and perfect ripeness—very easy to fall in love with. One of the more generous, open, plush, ethereal, and seductive Spottswode Cabs of late. The '10 is still showing primary characteristics with the classic young fruit descriptors that mark a great vintage, plus notes of pencil lead, dried herbs, sweet ripe juicy red and

blue fruits, and black plum skin with savory black olive and sage undertones. The tannins and oak are seamlessly integrated. This wine is an impeccable, magical example of the truly unique terroir from which it comes. An iconic wine made from an irregular growing season meshing warm and cool fruit characters. So nuanced and thought provoking! It is drinking superbly now but will reach the stratosphere in the next 2–3 years.

2011 TRY/HOLD The 2011 is a true reflection of a cooler vintage and the resilient, organic Spottswode vineyard. This wine is always the freshest in our vertical tasting lineup—bursting with tertiary pomegranate, lively red cranberry, and cassis. This wine is so bright and vibrant, it lifts right out of the glass. Its mineral driven power and dynamic acidity reveal a textured layered mid-palate and a long cerebral finish. Nothing short of unique and amazing. Try a bottle now, but hold onto a few for later.

2012 TRY/HOLD An exceptional wine from a near perfect growing season. It is layered, intellectual, yet refined, with immense complexity and beauty. This wine is dense, creamy, and vibrant, still holding all of its youthful appeal and tension. Lush blue and black fruits with traces of dried strawberries. Five-spice, orange peel, and blackberry pie on the nose. Tightly wound with all the components of a blockbuster wine. It's a little



closed at the moment but will most certainly reveal more depth and nuance over time. Patience is a virtue.

2013 TRY/HOLD A real example of power, structure, and grace. Violets, bay laurel, lavender, crushed fresh blueberries, and blackberries fill the bouquet. The entry is very fresh, bright and dense with immense raw power. The tannins are tight yet powdery. The mid-palate is mouthcoating, incredibly layered and textured with dynamic acidity and length. An almost endless finish of fresh cassis, blueberry yogurt, and hints of baking spices. This is an incredible wine; nothing is out of balance. Hold onto this one and your patience will be rewarded.

2014 TRY/HOLD Very bright, youthful aromatics invite you into the glass. Notes of cassis, fresh linen, citrus peel, blueberry muffin, warm wet stones, clove, cinnamon, and floral violets fill the nose. For such a young wine, this is already so elegant, mouthcoating, and rich. A true iron fist in a velvet glove. Tremendously juicy, dynamic, and vibrant with approachable, integrated tannins. This wine is a powerhouse and its balance is something to behold. While still holding onto its 'baby fat' at this time, this is Spottswode at its finest. Hold for future enjoyment.

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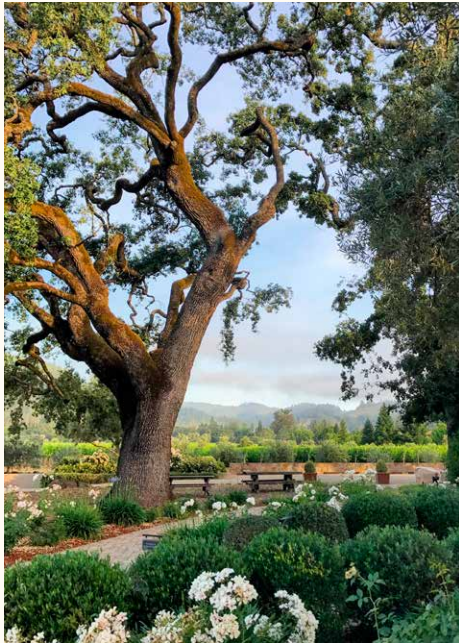
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