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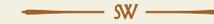


One of Napa Valley's
First-Growth Wines and Vineyards

ROBERT PARKER, WINE ADVOCATE

SPOTTSWOODE

A Family Wine Estate



In Pursuit of Resilience

A Year in the Spottswood Estate Vineyard

Resilience is at the very heart of Spottswood. It is written into our 144-year-old vineyard's DNA, carried forward through our family's stewardship, and reflected in every season of farming and winemaking. Resilience is about the determination to carry on with purpose, no matter the challenge.

For over four decades, Spottswood wines have stood among Napa Valley's most enduring expressions of terroir and excellence. They are not wines that chase trends. They are wines that capture something timeless: the character of a historic vineyard farmed with care and guided by a family's vision across generations.

When our parents purchased Spottswode in 1972, they arrived with a dream to grow grapes and to make wine. For the first five years, we replanted the old vineyard and sold our grapes to the likes of Robert Mondavi, and John Williams and Larry Turley at Frog's Leap. Then in 1977, tragedy struck when our father, Jack, passed away unexpectedly. Our mother, Mary, suddenly found herself raising five children while also managing a vineyard. Many urged her to sell, and Beth recalls one realtor even coming to our door asking if Spottswode might be for sale. Though facing the challenges inherent in carrying on alone, and her own health issues in the form of cancer, Mom firmly asked him to leave and resolved to carry forward their shared dream.

To weather those years, she began selling grapes to a handful of Napa Valley family wineries, including Duckhorn and Shafer, both run by friends who had known our father and believed in our parents' dream. In 1982, her determination bore fruit when we released our first Estate Cabernet Sauvignon, beginning a tradition that has continued unbroken through fires, floods, recessions, pandemics, and the many trials that farming inevitably brings.

From the beginning, our wines were shaped by the vision of winemaker Tony Soter, whose focus on elegance, balance, and age-worthiness remain our hallmarks. When Napa faced phylloxera, Tony oversaw careful replantings that ensured we never missed a vintage. In 1985, he also pioneered organic farming at Spottswode, well before it was considered wise – or considered at all.



On the 10th year of her passing, we honor Spottswode founder Mary Novak, whose indomitable spirit has kept us here.

THOMAS HEINER

Winter: Rest and Resolve

January finds the vineyard at rest. The vines stand leafless in dormancy, gathering strength for the year ahead. Our team begins pre-pruning, with finishing cuts in February to protect vine health and longevity. Sheep graze among the rows, building fertility and reminding us that resilience comes through partnership with nature.



BUILDING RESILIENCE THROUGH THE SEASONS



Spring: Renewal

March brings warmth and budbreak, while cover crops surge. By April, tender shoots unfurl, suckering begins, lambs are born, and sheep retreat so the buds may flourish. May delivers bloom – a fleeting season of beauty and vulnerability.



Summer: Growth and Care

June and July bring vigor. Shoots grow, fruit sets, and organic sprays protect against mildew. By midsummer, canes lignify and veraison begins, turning green grapes to purple and gold. In August, irrigation begins as nature dictates, and harvest starts for Sauvignon Blanc and Semillon. Summer is a season of care. Guided by regenerative organic principles – cover crops, reduced tillage, biodiversity, and sheep grazing – we strengthen resilience in our soils, vines, and wines.



CABERNET SAUVIGNON VERAISON BEGINS

In the decades since, gifted winemakers including Pam Starr, Rosemary Cakebread, Jennifer Williams, and today, Aron Weinkauf, have carried forward the estate's style, each adding their own thoughtful imprints. This continuity was honored last year when Christie's auctioned a complete 40-year vertical of Spottswoode Estate Cabernet Sauvignon. Drawn from our family's cellar, it represented not only four decades of winegrowing but also four decades of environmental leadership and perseverance. The vertical sold well above estimate, and it was wonderful to see our life's work recognized in this way, and even more meaningful that the proceeds supported Napa Green, helping to build a resilient future for our region.

When we think about what resilience means for the future of Spottswoode, we think immediately of Aron, who has been with us for 20 years, including the past 15 as both winemaker and vineyard manager. This rare dual role, held by every winemaker here, allows him to guide our wines from the ground up, ensuring that what happens in the vineyard flows seamlessly into the cellar. Aron approaches farming and winemaking as one act of stewardship, always mindful of how today's choices shape tomorrow's resilience.

Under his leadership, Spottswoode became one of the first Napa Valley vineyards to achieve Regenerative Organic Certification. The significance of this goes beyond any seal of approval. It is about bringing a philosophy to



Aron Weinkauf, Winemaker and Vineyard Manager, celebrates 20 years at Spottswoode.



Fall: Harvest and Continuity

September fills the cellar with fermenting whites. Cabernet harvest begins. By October, harvest winds down. Compost is spread, cover crops seeded, and hay distributed to prepare for winter rains. November sees the last Cabernet put to barrel. Fall is our season of continuity. Year after year, we bring in a harvest. Our resilience lies not only in enduring but also in producing wines of extraordinary quality.



life: planting cover crops that enrich the soil, grazing Navajo-Churro sheep that naturally fertilize, spreading compost to restore fertility, and inviting owls, bluebirds, and bees into the vineyard as essential partners. These practices do more than sustain, they build living soils and strengthen our vineyard's biodiversity and ability to thrive.

Because of this, even in vintages considered difficult across Napa, our wines are regularly hailed as among the very best. A vibrant, healthy vineyard, resilient in the face of extremes, gives us the consistency to make wines of grace, balance, and longevity every year. As Aron often reminds us, resilience is not static. Like the vineyard itself, it is alive. Each season demands it, each generation reaffirms it. This is the story of Spottswoode, and the wines we share with you are its finest expression.

Warm regards,

Lindy Novak

Board Member & Marketing Ambassador

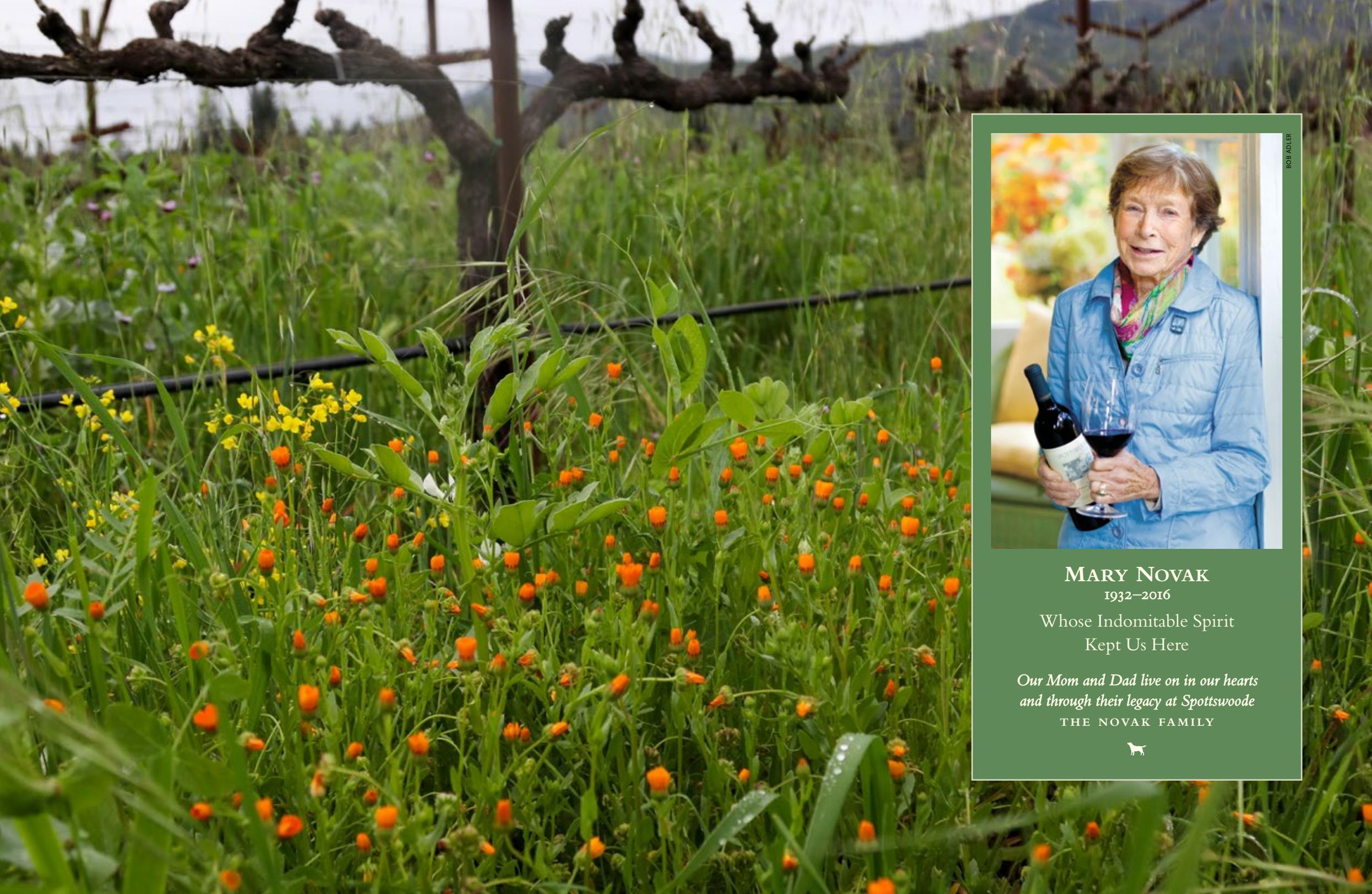
Ben Novak

President & CEO

Winter Again: Endurance

By December, the vineyard rests once more. The vines shed their last leaves, the days grow short, and the land gathers strength in quiet anticipation of another cycle. So too does Spottswoode endure. As our vineyard celebrates its 144th year, resilience and resolve remain our guiding stars. We do not farm or make wine for the short term. We farm with conviction that what endures – family, land, and legacy – is what truly matters.





BOB ADLER

MARY NOVAK

1932–2016

Whose Indomitable Spirit
Kept Us Here

*Our Mom and Dad live on in our hearts
and through their legacy at Spottswode*

THE NOVAK FAMILY



2023

Spottswode Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

Our organic, biodynamic, and regenerative organic certified Spottswode Estate Vineyard is situated on the western edge of St. Helena in Napa Valley, an ideal terroir for winegrowing. The alluvial clay loam from the Sulphur Creek fan provides superb drainage, while cool maritime breezes passing between Spring Mountain and the Mayacamas range allow for even ripening.

...it should stand tall among the many legends produced at this estate. 100 points

JOE CZERWINSKI, WINE ADVOCATE

Established in 1882, the 45-acre Spottswode Estate has a distinguished history in Napa Valley and is stewarded by second-generation sisters Beth and Lindy Novak. Our farming practices bring resilience to our vineyard, and the individual attention given to each block contributes to the consistent quality and distinctive characteristics of each vintage.

Winemaker Notes: The 2023 presents a deep color and mouthwatering presence. Fresh blackberries and dark red berries with hints of anise, cream, and light cocoa shavings show on the nose. Structured yet sweet tannins drive a juicy, long finish, giving the wine core intensity and graceful power.

Vintage Notes: The 2023 growing season began cool, with winter rains saturating soils after several drought years. Budbreak and bloom were delayed, but good cluster sizes and minimal canopy work achieved excellent vine balance. Cool spring and summer weather and a rare light rain in June created one of the least stressful vintages in years.

Veraison started three to four weeks later than normal, on August 9. The moderate growing season allowed us to harvest every block when we wished, at optimal ripeness. Picking went from September 9 to October 24, capturing a broad range of expressions, from fresh and energetic to lush and opulent, resulting in an incredibly expressive vintage.

Appellation St. Helena, Napa Valley

Grape Source Spottswode Estate Vineyard, organically farmed since 1985

Blending Detail Cabernet Sauvignon 89% Cabernet Franc 8% Petit Verdot 3%

the 2023 Cabernet Sauvignon
is a real head-turner

ANTONIO GALLONI, *VINOUS*

MICHAEL BATTEY

← Vineyard Map

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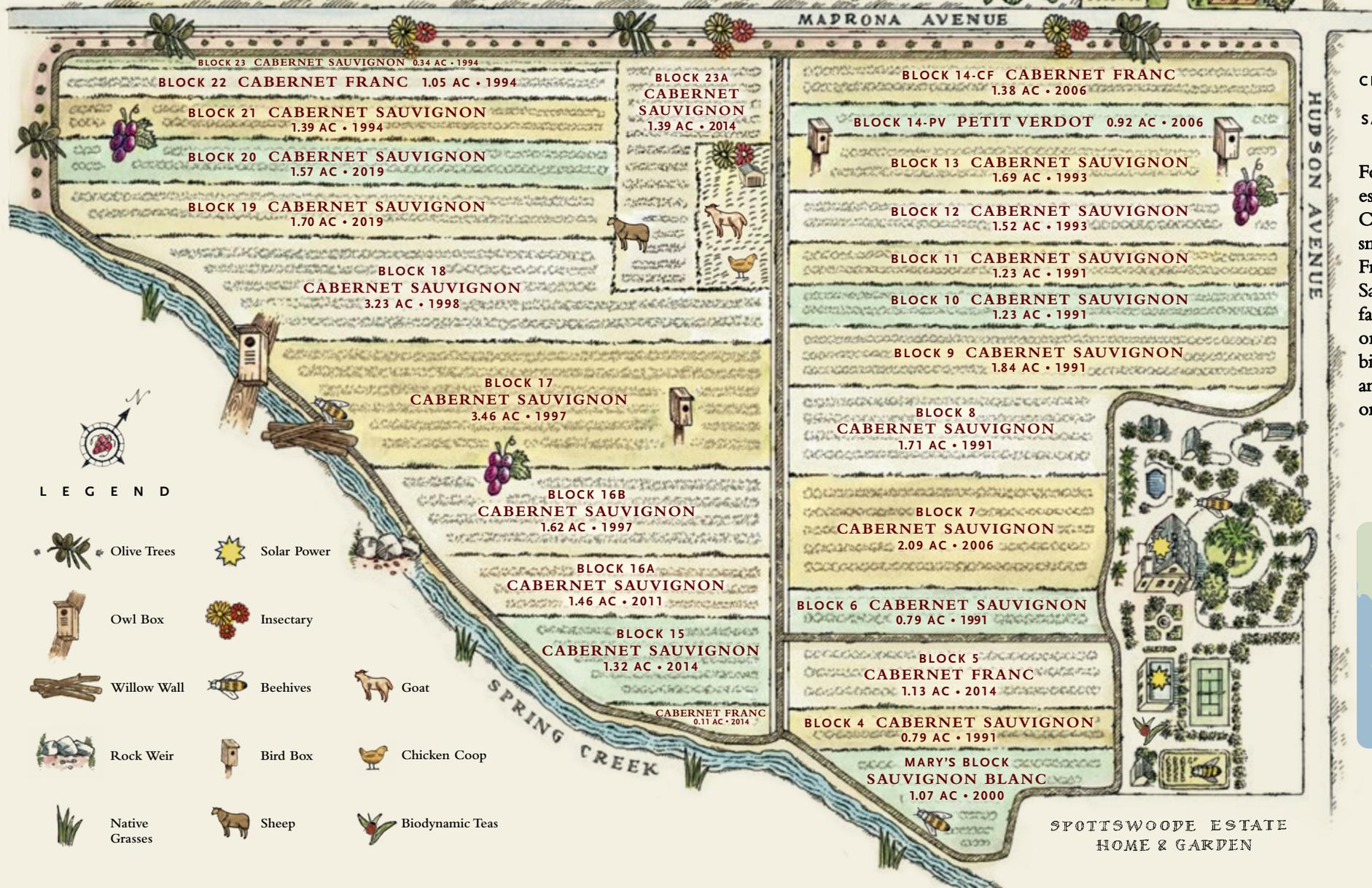
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ORGANICALLY FARMED SINCE 1985



Rooted in the Land, Protecting our Planet

WINERY & TASTING ROOM



CRAFTING EXCEPTIONAL ESTATE CABERNET SAUVIGNON SINCE 1982

Forty-two acres of our estate are planted to Cabernet Sauvignon, with small blocks of Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot, and Sauvignon Blanc. We have farmed our vineyard organically since 1985, biodynamically since 2008, and have been regenerative organic certified since 2023.



SPOTTSWOODE ESTATE
HOME & GARDEN

2023

Lydenhurst Cabernet Sauvignon

Spottswoode's Expression of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Spottswoode Estate's storied history inspired the name "Lydenhurst," a tribute to the fragrant linden trees that continue to bloom in the gardens today. This Cabernet Sauvignon is crafted from grapes grown in esteemed, family-owned vineyards across Napa Valley, with its base and core being our Estate Vineyard in St. Helena. Through relationships with our grower partners, we have been able to explore diverse sub-appellations and deepen our understanding of Napa's unique terroirs.

...the mind-bending second-label from Spottswoode... Plenty of estates would give (or should give) their right arm to make a flagship wine this good.

ALDER YARROW, VINOGRAPHY

This wine also reflects our passion for organic farming. By incentivizing and working with our grower partners, we are proud that all the grapes for Lydenhurst will be farmed organically by the 2025 vintage.

Winemaker Notes: The 2023 opens with expressive red fruits, highlighting Morello cherry and pomegranate. A bright, juicy core, framed by chalky tannins, offers both structure and elegance. Notes of violets, allspice, and dried herbs lift the finish. Softer and more approachable than the Estate Cabernet, yet no less serious or layered, it shows subtle mineral tension and beautiful depth.

Vintage Notes: The 2023 growing season began with cool weather and winter rains that saturated soils. Budbreak and bloom produced good cluster sizes, and vine balance was maintained through cover cropping, light mowing, shoot tipping, and targeted hedging. A foggy spring and summer, with a light rain in June, created a very welcome low-stress vintage.

Veraison began in early August and harvest lasted from September 9 to November 1. Pristine fruit with excellent balance and aromatics provided a wealth of blending options and a dynamic expression of Lydenhurst.

Appellation Napa Valley

Blending Detail Cabernet Sauvignon 75% Merlot 16%
Malbec 5% Cabernet Franc 2% Petit Verdot 2%

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classically structured,
finishing with terrific length

JOE CZERWINSKI, WINE ADVOCATE

MICHAEL BATTY

← Vineyard Map

Sonoma
County

HIGH
MAYACAMAS
OBSIDIAN RIDGE
ELEV. 2640–2875 ft

HOWELL
MOUNTAIN
RAHN
ELEV. 1250–1450 ft

ST. HELENA
SPOTTSWOODE ESTATE
ELEV. 300 ft
SW

YOUNG INGLEWOOD
ELEV. 230 ft

ATLAS PEAK
EDCORA
ELEV. 1430 ft

OAK KNOLL
DARMS LANE
ELEV. 140 ft

COOMBSVILLE
ACKERMAN FAMILY
VINEYARD
ELEV. 180 ft

NAPA
CARNEROS
ROBERT SINSEY
ELEV. 90 ft

LYNDENHURST

Produced by

SPOTTSWOODE

Spottswode's Expression of Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Spottswode Estate Vineyard, St. Helena (CCOF)

Situated on the western edge of St. Helena at the foot of the Mayacamas Mountains, Spottswode's terroir is ideal for growing winegrapes. The alluvial clay loam from the Sulphur Creek fan provides superb drainage while cool maritime breezes allow berries to ripen slowly, providing exceptional Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, and Petit Verdot, which create the base for this blend.

Ackerman Family Vineyard, Coombsville (CCOF)

The Ackerman Family Vineyard in Coombsville features southeast exposure, rocky, well-drained soils, and rolling hills in a cooler-climate appellation. Organically farmed, the site yields fruit with great color, structure, and aromatics.

Darms Lane Vineyard, Oak Knoll (CCOF)

Located on the western alluvial fans of the Oak Knoll AVA and owned by the Bump family, this vineyard's proximity to San Francisco Bay gives it a cool and moderate climate. The Cabernet from this site offers red to blue fruit flavors, smooth tannins, freshness, purity, and beauty to the blend.

Edcora Vineyard, Atlas Peak (CCOF)

Above the fog line at approximately 1430 feet, Edcora's mesoclimate is coupled with red, iron-rich soils and plenty of rock, resulting in intensely concentrated Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot that bring tannins, fresh acidity, and density.

Vineyards with the CCOF designation are California Certified Organic Farmers. Demeter certifies biodynamic farms and products.



Obsidian Ridge, High Mayacamas

Obsidian Ridge is a benchmark California Cabernet Sauvignon vineyard littered with black glassy obsidian rock set in deep red soil. Situated in the High Mayacamas between 2640 and 2875 feet in elevation, it is the highest vineyard in the range. The extreme climate, altitude, and volcanics result in intense mountain fruit.

Rahn Estate Vineyard, Howell Mountain

The Rahn family's Howell Mountain vineyard is at 1250–1450 feet in elevation with a northern exposure, varied soils, and clone diversity. The Cabernet Sauvignon we source from Rahn brings fresh, balanced, complex flavors and deep color, while adding strength and structure.

Robert Sinskey Vineyards, Carneros (CCOF and Demeter)

Robert Sinskey Vineyards has long been a champion of organic and biodynamic farming, and it is for this alignment in philosophy, as well as stellar quality of fruit, that we are thrilled to work with this vineyard. This cool-climate Carneros vineyard is wonderfully suited to producing Merlot with rich color, great aromatics, and lively acidity.

Young Inglewood Vineyard, St. Helena (CCOF)

Jim and Jackie Young, along with their son Scott, grow beautiful fruit just south of us on the western benchland at the foot of the Mayacamas. Farmed organically, their Merlot and Malbec lend aromatic nuance and a soft, plush mid-palate to our Lydenhurst blend.



From 1908 to 1910 our estate was called "Lydenhurst" in honor of the linden trees that still bloom in the garden today.



2025

Spottswode Sauvignon Blanc

Since 1984, Spottswode has produced exceptional, classically styled Sauvignon Blanc, earning acclaim as one of the “Super Sauvignons,” a term coined by *The Wine Bible*’s Karen MacNeil for the world’s finest examples of this noble grape.

Sourced from Spottswode Estate and other renowned family-owned vineyards, the wine is fermented in a mix of French oak, small stainless steel barrels, clay amphora, and ceramic and concrete cives. This wine is fresh and cellar-worthy, integrated and complex, with extraordinary aromas and effortless poise. Critics have praised it as one of the world’s best, with some calling it the “aristocracy of domestic Sauvignon Blanc.” For more than forty years, this wine has been shaped by intention and respect for the land. The 2025 vintage is especially significant, marking our first bottling in which all our sourced fruit is from organic vineyards.

Winemaker Notes: A cooler vintage yields a wine with beautiful florals on the nose and a palate with distinctive lime rind and salted lemon characters. Textural length builds to a juicy wine of white peach, pear, and orange, perfectly balanced by an enticing sweet acidity.

Vintage Notes: After a notably wet winter, budbreak began on April 2. Spring stayed mostly dry, and the season settled into ideal moderate temperatures, reminiscent of classic Napa Valley vintages. Balanced growth and ideal canopy conditions produced evenly ripening clusters, harvested in a calm, unforced rhythm from August 21 through mid-September. Small-lot fermentations in a thoughtful mix of vessels yields a fresh, elegant wine. The 2025 Sauvignon Blanc encapsulates decades of important farming partnerships and a beautifully even season. Truly special!

Appellation Napa County 28% Sonoma County 72%

Blending Detail Sauvignon Blanc 95% Semillon 5%

...what every California Sauvignon Blanc should aspire to be.

ALDER YARROW, VINOGRAPHY

legendary...among the elite
Sauvignon Blancs

TIM TEICHGRAEBER, MODERN WINE

MICHAEL BATTY

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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 Sonoma County. Over 190 individual fermentations — in a combination of French oak, small stainless steel barrels, cives, and an amphora — allow for specific and finely tuned selections during blending, resulting in a sophisticated and energetic wine.

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HARVEST



2

GRAPE PRESSING



3

FERMENTATION



Cives & Amphoras

French oak

Stainless

4

BLENDED



5

BOTTLED



6

RELEASE!



KNIGHTS
VALLEY

PELKAN
VINEYARD
ELEV. 900 ft



CALISTOGA

HEITZ BROTHERS VINEYARD
ELEV. 302 ft



TOFANELLI FAMILY VINEYARD
ELEV. 314 ft



ST. HELENA

SPOTTSWOODE ESTATE

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MARY'S BLOCK
ELEV. 300 ft



LASSETER FAMILY
VINEYARD
ELEV. 260 ft



GLEN ELLEN

BEDROCK VINEYARD
ELEV. 170 ft



SONOMA
MOUNTAIN
FARINA VINEYARD
ELEV. 550 ft



MURRAY VINEYARD
ELEV. 750 ft

NAPA

CARNEROS
DISTRICT
HYDE VINEYARDS
ELEV. 70 ft



*Sonoma
County*

*Napa
Valley*

Petaluma Gap

LAKE BERRYESSA

Napa River



The Benefits of Belonging

Choose Your SPOTT!

To ensure that our most dedicated enthusiasts are able to secure our Estate Cabernet Sauvignon directly from our cellar each year, we offer two member options, affectionately referred to as SPOTT ON! (6 bottles) and TOP SPOTT! (12 bottles).

TOP SPOTT! and SPOTT ON! members are offered our wines first and well in advance of the wine's availability in the marketplace. There are no automatic shipments. Rather, your annual purchase of the Spottswode Estate Cabernet Sauvignon qualifies you for one of these coveted SPOTTS, each with its own enviable benefits.



SPOTT ON! BENEFITS

6-bottle Estate Cabernet annual purchase

- ☛ Wine allocations offered in advance, with preferred pricing
- ☛ Access to library releases and limited-production wines, including “Mary’s Block” Estate Sauvignon Blanc and Field Book Estate Red Wines

- ☛ Four invitations to Spottswode’s annual Garden Party that can be shared with friends and family
- ☛ Two complimentary tasting reservations for customer use (value \$300)
- ☛ First access to our coveted magnum bottles of Estate Cabernet Sauvignon and Sauvignon Blanc

TOP SPOTT! BENEFITS

12-bottle Estate Cabernet annual purchase

All the above benefits, plus:

- ☛ First access to our coveted magnum bottles of “Mary’s Block” Estate Sauvignon Blanc
- ☛ Six invitations to Spottswode’s annual Garden Party that can be shared with friends and family
- ☛ Six complimentary tasting reservations that can be shared with friends and family (value \$1,200)

Complimentary shipping on full-case orders all year on any order containing twelve bottles (9-liter equivalent) or more, where permitted.



SPOTTSWOODE'S ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY



TOP SPOTT!



Wine Library Notes

Vertical Tasting Held on November 10, 2025

Our entire team looks forward each year to our annual Vertical Tasting, a tradition that celebrates the end of harvest and invites reflection of our Estate Cabernet over time.

This year, we tasted twenty vintages in two blind flights.

We were joined by Chris Munro and Chris Weed from Christie’s Auction House, who collaborated with us on this year’s remarkable 40-year Spottswode vertical auction lot; Wine Director Daniel Pendleton, from Atelier Crenn in San Francisco; Buck Williams from Vino Wholesale in New Orleans; and our Denmark Export Partner, Keld Johnsen.

Together, we shared insights on where each wine stands in its development. The perspectives and depth of industry experience brought to the table are greatly valued each year.

We hope these tasting notes inspire you to uncork that illustrious bottle you may have been saving in the hopes of enjoying it at a wonderful place in its evolution.

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.



2004 DRINK WITH DECANT/HOLD Initially shy, the 2004 builds in its energy. Approachable tannins lay the foundation for cardamom, cedar, baking spices, fresh violets, and dried fruits. Salinity and structural balance carry the life force of this aging wine. We recommend a decant before enjoying it with family and friends (if they are lucky!).

2005 DRINK/HOLD A “hold” last year is now coming back into phase with a dense and layered core. This “showy darkness” balances acid and length with unfolding black cherry, berry compote, teriyaki, and tobacco leaf. With its rich mouthfeel it is ready to drink now and will continue to harmonize for the next couple of years.

2006 DRINK Youthful, drying mid-palate tannin carries the acid-driven density of the 2006 vintage. Deep notes of iron earth, coffee grounds, and star anise are in tension with lighter notes of ripe berry, rose water, and native herbs. Deliciously complex and powerful, the 2006 is singing and ready to be enjoyed.

2007 DRINK/HOLD A “Best in Show” last year is moving into a quieter phase. The still-fresh 2007 remains expressive and awe-inspiring with black fruits and cherry cola giving way to a balsamic and rosemary savory finish. Midline powdery tannins show lengthy ageing potential that will guide it through its next phase of life.

Spottswode’s influence and consistency are impossible to overstate... **BRIAN FREEDMAN, FORBES**

PERSONAL NOTES

TASTING REVIEWS

2008 DRINK/HOLD A unique wine that has been at an inflection of youth and age for two years. Youthful tannins have started to round out to a silky backbone. Tension-driving salinity opens to red fruits, cassis, roasted hazelnuts, pine, and savory herbal spices. Winemaker Aron Weinkauf recommends letting this vintage breathe before enjoying in order to allow its aged character to lean into its true fruit density.

2009 HOLD Standing singularly for its bolder youthful tannins, 2009 shows its teenage years in its fresh fruit intensity and pixilated mid-palate tannin. Conspicuous wild strawberries, rose petals, and bergamot are grounded by cedar, cumin, crusted lamb, and an umami finish. This vintage's stunning youth continues to ask for more time to develop structurally.

2010 HOLD Exotic nose with vibrant red fruits, mixed berries, and dried florals bursting on the palate. Chalky mineral-driven tannin supports a dried sage, pyrazine, and sweet marzipan finish. Patience in the cellar will harmonize the fresh fruit with the intriguing pyrazine backbone to bring its tension back into balance.

🐕 2011 DRINK! "Best in Show" two years in a row for its "Textbook Spottswode" balance of aromatic intensity, pyrazine, acid, and tannin structure. Bright red fruits, dried fig, and sweet berries stand resolute to a tomato leaf and pine green depth. The oak's espresso bean and bittersweet cocoa finish leaves the 2011 "dancing on the palate." This wine has a memorable distinctiveness.

TASTING REVIEWS

PERSONAL NOTES

🐕 2012 DRINK/HOLD Rising out of its initial youth, 2012 is showcasing its expressive fruit power coupled with an elegant satin body. Maraschino cherry and blackcurrants lean into layers of terracotta, fresh florals, and native herbs. Velvet tannin is the backbone of its elegance and lush energy. Noted by our guests as a "classic Spottswode that are hallmarks of a First Growth."

2013 HOLD Our tightly coiled friend still needs a few more years to open its dense core and youthful tannins. Succulent, fresh fruit of cherries, currants, and blackberries hold tight to a mineral driven, molasses, and pie spice base. Linear and focused, this wine will show its powerful elegance in due course.

🐕 2014 DRINK/HOLD 2014 is moving into maturity as hints of tertiary characters like umami, forest floor, and molasses peer through the wild strawberry, dried dandelion, lavender potpourri, and bergamot. Aromatically singular in its gravel minerality and menthol freshness. Ready to enjoy now but will hold onto its energy and structure for years to come.

2015 TRY/HOLD A boisterous teenager in its youthful dense color and drying, fine tannin. Primary characteristics of lingonberry, dried raspberry, and blackcurrants are rich on the palate. Showing its evolving state through notes of youthful, creamed vanilla converging with dewy earth, iodine, and fresh mint. Give the 2015 a couple more years to resolve its strengths.



PERSONAL NOTES

TASTING REVIEWS

2016 TRY/HOLD A “Best in Show” last year, moving into its next phase of life. Grounded aromatics of potpourri, dried fig, cedar, and warm cocoa meet with unique savory notes of tapenade and prosciutto. Texturally rich with a broad mid-palate blanketed by powdery, succulent tannins. A standout for its savory and cozy complexity.

2017 DRINK/HOLD Youthful in its exuberance. An austere palate of savory chalky tannins drives a dense core of dried cranberries, currants, pine, and terracotta. Complexity of this core will need time to unveil itself as tannins soften and the palate opens. Wonderfully delightful in its youth and will have much more to say in the years to come.

2018 DRINK/HOLD Shedding its baby fat, last year’s “Best in Show” is moving on from adolescence. Beautifully structured while aromatically understated this year. Its mellow elegance opens to dried plums, cranberries, lavender, and licorice bitters. Fine tannin drives the midline and finishes the palate with warm stones, oyster sauce salinity, and a cedar backbone. Even in its quiet phase, the 2018 shows off its depth and beauty.

2019 DRINK/HOLD In an exceptional spot for drinkers of young Cabernet Sauvignon. Starting to shed its youthful brown sugar oak aromatics, the fresh fruit and florals burst on the palate alongside robust sandy tannin. Raspberry chocolate, cassis, blackberry, and potpourri harmonize with baking spices and dried sage. Open this bottle next if you are looking for “intense drinkability.”



TASTING REVIEWS

PERSONAL NOTES

🐕 2020 DRINK/HOLD A tough vintage, but you would never know it from this bottle. Once unveiled at the end, a jaw-dropped excitement emanated across wine critics, sommeliers, and the Spottswode team. Packed tight with depth and aromatic elegance, the 2020 vintage is singing of violets, raspberries, black cherries, and licorice root. While aromatically light on its feet, serious and succulent tannins coupled with hints of herbaceous pyrazine ground the palate. Hats off, Aron, you nailed this one!

2021 DRINK/HOLD Punchy synergy with waves of aromatics, the 2021 shows its complex layers of bright blue and red fruits with herbal notes of forest floor and dried herbs. Its youthful high-density tannins and raw oak nature of vanilla, cocoa, and brown sugar lean this wine toward needing a few years to mellow out. A beautiful wine to enjoy if you love young, energy-driven Cabernet Sauvignon.

2022 DRINK/HOLD Lively elegance marks the 2022 vintage with its bursting brightness and chalky mid-palate tannins. Each sip is driven by a red fruit spectrum of wild strawberries, cherries, and raspberry creams. The exuberantly fresh energy is grounded by sandalwood, black licorice, and forest floor. A slight mint finish tops off this dynamic vintage.

2023 DRINK/HOLD “So yum, drink me now!” is Spottswode proprietor Beth Novak’s thoughts on our newest release. Stunning early drinkability for only being in bottle for less than a year. Round firm tannins lay the foundation for the primary red fruits and florals of the 2023 to sing. Energetic levity meets serious structure lending itself to early enjoyment and cellaring for years to come.



Every day, our many environmental initiatives – among them organics, biodynamics, regenerative organics, solar, and minimizing resource use – prove fundamental in building resilience and in creating consistently exceptional wines.

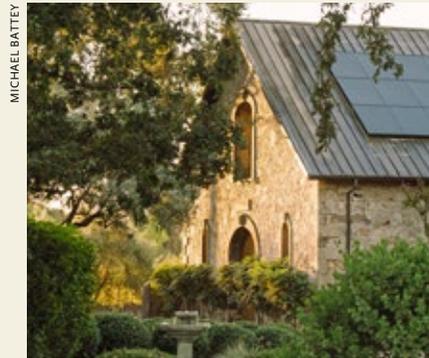


Visiting Spottswode

Enjoy Our Wines and Historic Estate

A visit to Spottswode is an intimate, personal experience and is rooted in the deep connection we have with our historic estate. Our team eagerly awaits the opportunity to share our acclaimed wines and the vibrant life of our certified organic, biodynamic, and regenerative organic vineyard with you.

Tastings are available by reservation, and SPOTT! members enjoy complimentary tastings with priority access. TOP SPOTT! member appointments are fully transferable, making it easy to share or gift the experience. To request an appointment, reach us at 707/963-0134, tours@spottswode.com, or scan this QR code. Thank you!

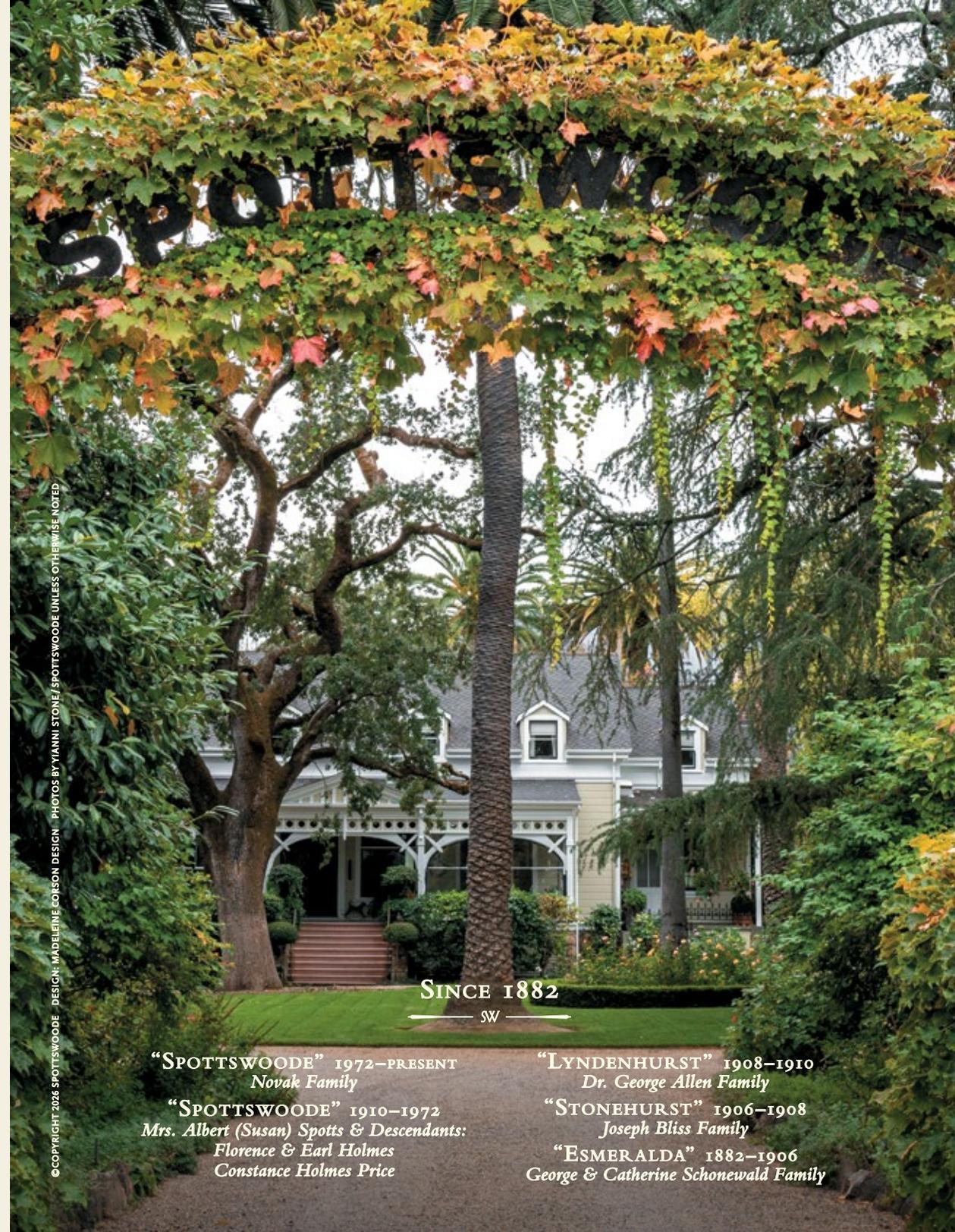


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Novak Family
“SPOTTSWOODE” 1910–1972
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“STONEHURST” 1906–1908
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