

SPANN VINEYARDS THE CLASSIC FOUR, SONOMA COUNTY



Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec, Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot. Beautiful cherry, raspberry, wild flower, red currant and nutmeg aromas. Flavors of red currant and cherry. Rich, soft and silky smooth. Structured with a good backbone. Nutmeg and cinnamon notes on the finish and a seamless finesse to the overall taste. Ideal for sipping by itself or enjoying with dinner.

The Cabernet Sauvignon came from the Carriger Creek Vineyard on the west side of Sonoma Valley, the Merlot from the Estate Vineyard in the Mayacamas Mountains of Sonoma, the Petit Verdot and Malbec came from Rancho Tzabaco in Dry Creek Valley while the Cabernet Franc was grown in Glen Vineyard in the Bennett Valley of Sonoma. Fermented in open top bins, hand punched down and foot-trodden. Full malolactic fermentation for all varietals was completed in oak barrels. All varietals were aged separately and blended just before bottling. Aged 30 months in French oak barrels, 20% new and the remainder varying in age from two to six years old.

Nestled among the majestic coastal redwoods of the Mayacamas Mountains, Spann Vineyards, owned by Peter and Betsy Spann, is 40 acres of vines, ponds and animal life cultivated for the benefit of the whole. Mostly this means that they leave it alone, a core principle of sustainable farming. Betsy notes, "...the sustainable activities I practice in the vineyard are pretty passive... I am willing to sacrifice the groomed (I like to say vacuumed) look of many vineyards to achieve a real balance in the land, which actually makes less work for me, not more." The steeply terraced mountainside vineyard yields small amounts of richly flavored grapes. From this and select cool-climate vineyards throughout Sonoma County they craft limited quantities of European-style blended wines, strongly influenced by Bordeaux, the Rhone Valley and Tuscany. They strive to create food-friendly, unique wines that are memorable in their purity, authenticity, distinctiveness, and enjoyment, and that blend seamlessly into the occasion, whether it be with friends on the patio or accompanying a formal dinner. Whatever the time or place, Spann Vineyards will linger pleasurably on your palate and in your memory.

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Tasting Note:

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Shelf Talker:

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