

# SPANN VINEYARDS CABERNET SAUVIGNON, MAYACAMAS RANGE



Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Malbec and Petit Verdot. Floral and black currant aromas. Flavors of black currant, cassis, black cherry, blackberry and raspberry. Rich, complex and silky-smooth. A full flavored, mountain-grown beauty that has well integrated fruit with no rough edges. A wonderfully complex wine.

The cool climate at 1,700 feet of elevation in the Mayacamas Mountains is ideal for creating a Bordeaux-like Cabernet Sauvignon. All grapes are farmed using either sustainable or organic practices. Each varietal is picked at optimum ripeness in October. The grapes are de-stemmed and then crushed by foot in open top half-ton bins, an old world technique used to get dark color without bitterness or astringency. Fermented in open top bins, hand punched down and foot-trodden. Full malolactic fermentation for all varietals is completed in oak barrels.

Aged 30 months in new and second-use French oak.

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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