

Vineyard 7 & 8

2007 “ESTATE” CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Napa Valley—Spring Mountain District



Release Date	October 2010
Fruit Source	100% Estate
The 2007 Growing Season	An average bud break and another drier than average winter, lead to a slightly below average crop. Mountain fruit benefited from being above heavy fog and from air circulation. The ripening season started with a quick heat spike but finished with mild temperatures which were pleasing to the Cabernets. Wines from the 2007 vintage are concentrated and rich with some youthful tannins.
Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Harvest	Hand Picked at physiological ripeness throughout early to mid October 2007.
Fermentation	Double hand sorting, whole berry fermentation, average maceration of 30–45 days.
Cooperage	18 months in 95% new French Oak from select artisan coopers
Alcohol	14.8%
Case Production	600



WINEMAKER'S COMMENTS

"The 2007 "Estate" Cabernet Sauvignon is a new wine that the Steffens Family and I decided to craft to highlight the unique character of the special "Vineyard 7 & 8" terroir. Planted back in the early 1980's, the mature vines of the estate benefit from white volcanic tuff well drained soil, producing small concentrated clusters and berries. The resulting lots of barrels displayed intensity, complexity, richness and depth. Each vintage, the "Estate" wine is made to represent the best the estate has to offer. Built to age gracefully for several decades, the "Estate" Cabernet is a memory of a very special place. Enjoy and stay tuned!"

—Luc Morlet, Winemaker

WINE REVIEWS

94+ pts. Vineyard 7 & 8, 2007 "Estate" Cabernet Sauvignon. Napa Valley—Spring Mountain District.

"The prodigious 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate looks terrific, with the most structure, minerality, and power of the two Cabernets, but beautiful blueberry and floral notes intermixed with camphor, creme de cassis, licorice, and forest floor. Full-bodied, with terrific texture, sweet tannin, and fabulous length and concentration, this is a wine to drink young or cellar for 25 more years."

— Robert Parker, Wine Advocate Issue #186 (Dec '09)

ABOUT VINEYARD 7 & 8

Vineyard 7 & 8 produces 1,800 cases annually and is located at the top of Spring Mountain. The 40 acre vineyard and winery is owned and managed by the Steffens family along with winemaker Luc Morlet and vineyard manager Pete Richmond of Silverado Farming Company. The vineyards of the estate were established in the early 1980s and are currently planted to ten acres of Cabernet Sauvignon and four acres of Chardonnay. These vineyards, which lie above the fog, bring extended ripening, low yields, natural drainage, and infertile volcanic soil. Our onsite winery facility allows us to micromanage the entire process, beginning in the vineyards and ending with the consumer.