

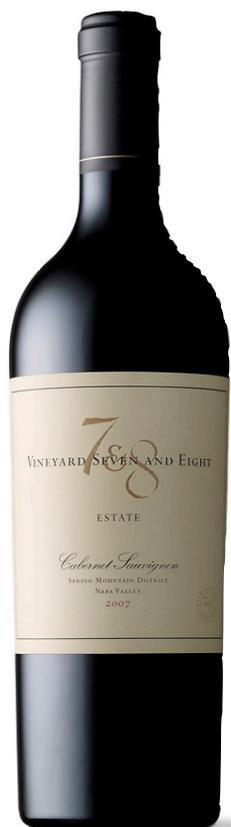
Vineyard 7 & 8

# 2008 “ESTATE” CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Napa Valley—Spring Mountain District



Release Date	October 2011
Fruit Source	100% Estate
The 2008 Growing Season	The 2008 season began after a relatively dry winter and free of spring frost thanks to our natural mountain air circulation. Rains in May at bloom brought some shattering to the clusters leading to a small and concentrated crop. The ripening season was characterized by hot sunny afternoons and wide thermal amplitude, providing optimum conditions for full flavor and phenolic maturation.
Varietal Composition	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Harvest	Hand Picked at physiological ripeness throughout late September through early October.
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 2008 "Estate" Cabernet Sauvignon is the second release of the new Estate Only bottling crafted 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!"*  
—Luc Morlet, Winemaker

#### WINE REVIEWS

**94 pts. Vineyard 7 & 8, 2008 "Estate" Cabernet Sauvignon. Napa Valley—Spring Mountain District.**

*"The 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Estate is opaque ruby/purple, with a wonderful nose of spring flowers, blackberries, blueberries, and cassis. The wine is opulent and rich, with nicely integrated oak, a full-bodied mouthfeel, and a long finish. It is approachable now, even though it is still very young, but should age nicely for 15 or more years. Impressive. Both are impressive Spring Mountain Cabernet Sauvignons that are pure, rich, full-bodied and authoritative. They are among the top Spring Mountain Cabernets I tasted this vintage."*

— Robert Parker, Wine Advocate Issue #192 (Dec '10)

#### 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.