

**PLUS!**

Gold Series Selection

**Spann Vineyards**  
 2006 "26 Barrels" Cabernet Sauvignon  
 Mayacamas Range, Sonoma County  
*Just 645 Cases Produced!*

Peter and Betsy Spann were destined to start a winery. Betsy was a Californian who lived many years in Bordeaux with her family and upon returning to the states, opened her own wine shop, became an independent wine broker, and helped with the startup of Lake Sonoma Winery, working both in the vineyards and in wine production. Peter's background was in the restaurant industry, working as a very successful wine buyer for several restaurants before dabbling in wholesale distribution, wine retail, marketing and sales. Together, Peter and Betsy Spann have a wealth of wine industry knowledge and couldn't resist the opportunity of owning their own vineyard when they moved to Glen Ellen, California. Their picturesque Spann Vineyards is nestled among the majestic coastal redwoods of the Mayacamas Mountains, planted on a steeply terraced mountainside to small amounts of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec, and Sangiovese. Although they initially planned on selling the grapes to neighboring wineries, when the time came, the Spanns took the plunge and decided to make their own wines instead. Their focus has been on crafting European-style wines, strongly influenced by Bordeaux, the Rhone Valley, and Tuscany, with a sense of purity, authenticity and distinctiveness in every bottle. Spann Vineyards has undeniably made their home among the echelons of Sonoma's ultra boutique wineries, and we are happy to introduce them to you this month. Cheers!

ACCOLADES & TASTING NOTES

Spann Vineyards' 2006 "Twenty-Six Barrels" Cabernet Sauvignon is Bordeaux-style blend of 76% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc, 8% Merlot, and 6% Petit Verdot. With Betsy's memorable first wine tasting experiences in Bordeaux, and Peter's fascination of Bordeaux wines from his restaurant industry days, it wouldn't make sense for their Cabernet blend to be any other style. The grapes were sourced primarily from the Spanns' own estate vineyard, located at 1,700 feet of elevation, with select pickings from neighboring sites. The Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot were selected for structure, while the Cabernet Franc and Merlot contribute a sense of richness on the palate in the finished wine. The *International Wine Review* awards this stellar bottling **91 POINTS**: "This is a delicious Cabernet Sauvignon that continues to offer aromas of pure blackberries and black currant fruit that are mirrored on the palate. Ripe and rich tasting on the palate, it offers wonderful black fruit flavors with notes of sweet chocolate, a silky mouthfeel, round tannins and a long finish. We have enjoyed tasting this wine over the years; it is a real winner!" The Spann Vineyards 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon also garnered **90 POINTS** from the *Sonoma Sommelier* publication. Aged 28 months in oak. Enjoy now until 2016.

Winery Direct: \$35.00 /bottle

**Gold Medal Wine Store price:****2-Bottle Members: \$22.00****4-Bottle/ Multi-Series Members: \$20.00**

\*2 bottle min. order.

Availability is extremely limited.

(plus shipping)

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