



NEWTON

—VINEYARD—

2005 THE PUZZLE

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Dedicated to working in harmony with nature to produce remarkable artisan wines, Newton Vineyard transforms fruit of uncompromised quality into wines of distinctive character. An early pioneer of Spring Mountain and one of the first Napa Valley wineries to craft unfiltered and naturally fermented wines, Newton Vineyard has become one of the most inspiring and fascinating wine estates in the world.

WINE PHILOSOPHY

Spread across the steep hillsides of Spring Mountain, the Newton Vineyard Estate is comprised of 112 unique vineyard blocks intertwined with the existing forested landscape. The individual character of each parcel results from the varying microclimates of the mountaintop's many contours and rugged terrain providing our winemaker diverse components with which to create an interesting, complex wine. The winery is designed to allow these small lots to be kept separate until our winemaker artfully assembles these unique parcels, like pieces of a puzzle, into a multi-faceted blend. As a result of meticulous vineyard and winemaking practices, *The Puzzle* offers the finest expression of our Spring Mountain Estate.

TASTING NOTES

This complex wine is both richly concentrated and supremely elegant. The delicate scents of dried flowers, juniper and rosemary mingle with dark fruit aromas and a hint of earthy complexity. The palate explodes with cassis, black cherry and ripe blackberry flavors complemented by subtle layers of smoky tobacco, mocha and spice. Well-integrated, velvety tannins support the smooth and supple palate with mocha lingering on the finish making this wine a pleasure to drink now, yet it will also benefit from medium to long-term cellaring.

FOOD & WINE PAIRING

We suggest decanting this wine to allow its full power to unfold. The elegant, complex flavors of *The Puzzle* make it an exceptional accompaniment to a tender beef fillet or lamb roast.

COMPOSITION

46% Cabernet Sauvignon
29% Merlot
21% Cabernet Franc
4% Petit Verdot

SUGGESTED RETAIL

\$80 750mL

ACCOLADES

92-94 POINTS

"It is a beautifully textured, pure wine... has a deep ruby/purple color and notes of subtle smoke intermixed with underbrush, black currant, cherry, licorice, and lavender. It is medium to full-bodied, has good acidity, and prominent tannins."

Robert Parker,
The Wine Advocate
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