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2018 FE WINES SPRING MOUNTAIN CABERNET SAUVIGNON

From frequent sunshine to cool evening winds, there are many reasons why the Napa Valley produces some of the world's greatest wines. The distinct soil

characteristics in the vineyards are another pivotal factor in why the region's wine quality keeps soaring. Fe Wines, a new property from Peninsula oenophiles-turned-Napa Valley proprietors Joanne and Jon **Goldstein**, emphasizes the importance of the iron-rich volcanic soil at its Spring Mountain estate by naming the winery for the element. (Remember atomic symbols from high school chemistry class?)

The debut vintage of Fe Wines Spring Mountain Cabernet Sauvignon — a



Bordeaux-style red blend with a base of 91 percent cabernet sauvignon from celebrated winemaker **Aaron Pott** — is a bright, striking wine that opens with fresh flowers and redwood forest aromas. Then notes of vanilla, licorice and ripe black fruit flow onto the palate, concluding in a wonderfully smooth finish. Its sturdy tannins and soft texture mean the wine will age gracefully for decades, but it is also a perfect wine to toast to the Napa Valley with this harvest season. *fewines.com*