

SMITH·MADRONE

2016 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

Aromatically, the 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon demonstrates a heady, complex mix of black and red fruit with clear suggestions of leather, tobacco and cigar box. On balance the aroma tips over slightly in favor of the dark fruit with the red providing an essential central component. The aroma is so intriguing it's hard to move on.

But when you do, you discover exactly what you expected even if you didn't quite know you expected it: the taste mirrors the aroma exactly. Red and black cassis fruit encased in a restrained pillow of creaminess on the mid-palate is once again in favor of the dark fruit. At the finish the tannin and acid are restrained, but seem exactly on point. The defining characteristic of this wine is its lovely balance and harmonious construction. Not too soft, not too firm, just right. Full of flavor, the wine is generous, warm and approachable. And hugely enjoyable.

The 2016 Cabernet Sauvignon is made from 100% estate fruit grown at the top of Spring Mountain (1,800-foot elevation), west of St. Helena in the Napa Valley. The vines are planted on very steep slopes (up to 35%) in red Aiken soil, derived from weathered volcanic materials and sedimentary rock.

Our Spring Mountain pedigree insures deliciously integrated tannins and a long life-span. For forty-nine years our wines have been sourced from the same vineyards, pruned, cultivated and harvested in the same manner, creating artisanal wines which are distinctive and complex. Our goal is to produce wines which bring pleasure to all the senses.

Appellation:	Napa Valley
Sub-appellation:	Spring Mountain District
Farming:	Dry-farmed estate mountain vineyard
Varietal content:	89.7% Cabernet Sauvignon, 3.4% Merlot, 6.4% Cabernet Franc
Time in oak:	19 months in 45% new French oak, 55% used oak
pH:	3.43
Total acidity:	.687grams/100ml
Alcohol:	14.3%
Cases produced:	1,375
Winemakers & Winegrowers:	Charles Smith, Stuart Smith & Sam Smith
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