

2009 RIESLING

Global warming seems to have passed over the Napa Valley in 2009. It was the coolest growing seasons in our 39 years of farming on Spring Mountain. There was more summer fog and the high temperatures were lower and the length of the few hot spells we did have were shorter than usual. Harvest began about ten days late. Unfortunately, the crop of Riesling was the littlest in our history.

Racy and powerful with a very attractive nose of focused ripe flavors of green-apple, pear quince, grapefruit and touch of exotic orange, displaying a crisp clean mouth-feel. An excellent balance of fresh fruit and vibrant acidity with a core of minerality. All complemented by a long bright flavorful finish. The result is a compelling, complex Riesling. Drink now through 2030.

Beginning with our 1983 Riesling vintage we boldly went where no other American winery would go for the next 17 years – we changed our label from Johannisberg Riesling to the true and correct name – Riesling. While White Riesling is legally correct, it is none-the-less both wrong and redundant - when was the last time you had a red Riesling? This is just one example of our commitment to this wonderful and somewhat overlooked varietal.

At Smith-Madrone our goal is to make artisanal wines which are distinctive and are an expression of both the vintage and us, as vintners, but above all else, our wines which bring pleasure to the senses. Every year our wine is made from the same vineyards, pruned by the same people in the same way, cultivated in exactly the same manner and harvested at similar levels of maturity, yet Mother Nature stamps each vintage with a unique set of flavors, senses and character. Vintage dating is a celebration of that uniqueness and diversity.

AGE OF VINES:	37 years
APPELLATION:	NAPA VALLEY
SUB-APPELELATION:	SPRING MOUNTAIN DISTRICT
VARIETAL CONTENT:	100%
ALCOHOL:	12.9%
pH:	3.12
RESIDUAL SUGAR:	(DRY) 0.75%
CASES PRODUCED:	302 CASES
WINEMAKERS & WINEGROWERS:	CHARLES SMITH & STUART SMITH
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