

SMITH-MADRONE VINEYARDS & WINERY

Celebrating 45 years in 2016!

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Open by appointment only at 11:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday. Appointments must be confirmed by phone or email.
- FOUNDED:** 1971, by Stuart Smith
- MANAGEMENT:** Stuart A. Smith, Managing Partner, Enologist
Charles F. Smith III, Winemaker
Sam Smith, Assistant Winemaker
- MOUNTAIN:
VINEYARDS** The vineyards sit at elevations between 1,300 and 2,000 feet, on steep slopes which range up to 34%.
- ESTATE:** All wines made entirely from the winery's estate vineyards surrounding the winery on top of Spring Mountain in the Napa Valley. Stuart Smith chose specific slopes with different exposures for specific varietals when planting the vineyards: eastern exposure for Riesling, southern and western exposures across flat stretches for the Cabernet Sauvignon and the coolest north-facing slopes for the Chardonnay. There are numerous historical sights on the ranch, as well as the huge array of natural beauty and wildlife.
- SOIL:** The soils are mostly deep-red Aiken Stoney Clay loam, part of the Aiken, Kidd, Forward complex of soils which are volcanic-based, well-drained and deep for mountain soils. The underlying geology is the Franciscan Assemblage, unique to California coastal ranges, which includes altered mafic volcanic rocks, deep-sea radiolarian cherts, sandstones, limestones, serpentines, shales and high-pressure metamorphic rocks, all of them faulted and mixed in a seemingly chaotic manner as a result of tectonic plate activity. The soils are rocky, with some rocks as large as small cars.
- FARMING:** Smith-Madrone is a pioneer of dry farming. Stu Smith explains: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b0rOI3OMRyw>
- CURRENT
RELEASES** 2014 Chardonnay (850 cases produced, \$32), 2014 Riesling (1,551 cases, \$30); 2009 Cook's Flat Reserve (1,964 numbered bottles in wooden cases, \$200); 2013 Cabernet Sauvignon (1,480 cases, \$50); all wines are Spring Mountain District appellation; all wines are estate-grown and estate-bottled
- PRODUCTION:** Approximately 4,000 cases a year
- HOSPITALITY:** Tours and tastings always conducted by one of the Smith family
- THE ESTATE:** 200 acre ranch, partly planted as vineyard over a century ago; California black bears and other wildlife once thrived here; enormous 120-year-old Picholine olive trees frame a path and view overlooking Napa Valley and Bothe Napa Valley State Park
- THE NAME:** A tribute to the Smith brothers and the predominant tree on the ranch. The Madrone is an evergreen with a red-brown trunk and branches. In spring the tree bears lily-of-the-valley-like flower clusters; in fall orange-red berries appear.

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