

# SMITH-MADRONE

## 2005 RIESLING

A very small crop, but the wine's quality insures that this will be called a wonderful vintage, with great balance, a huge aroma of fruit – grapefruit and mandarin oranges - and a blockbuster finish.

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.

Our Rieslings thrive on our steep slopes (up to 35%) at high elevation (2200 feet) on the top of Spring Mountain in the Napa Valley.

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| AGE OF VINES:             | 33 years   |
| APPELLATION:              | NAPA VALLEY  |
| SUB-APPELLATION:          | SPRING MOUNTAIN DISTRICT                                       |
| VARIETAL CONTENT:         | 100% Riesling  |
| ALCOHOL                   | 12.9%  |
| pH                        | 3.12   |
| RESIDUAL SUGAR (dry)      | 0.75%  |
| CASES PRODUCED:           | 400 cases  |
| WINEMAKERS & WINEGROWERS: | Charles Smith & Stuart Smith                                   |
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