

SMITH-MADRONE

2021 Estate Riesling

Shimmering and vibrant, the 2021 Riesling is a textbook example of the traditional Smith-Madrone style. That is to say, stylistically it often fits neatly between the lower alcohol, lighter weight German trockens and the slightly more powerful French rieslings of Alsace; in different years, of course, pushing a little more toward one side or the other, depending on the personality of the vintage.

This wine leans a bit more French than German, but perhaps it's more accurate to say that there is a German style in riesling, a French style and a Smith-Madrone style. However one identifies the various styles, the one thing they all have in common is the unique character that shines through and defines all good Riesling. The wine is a very pale light straw color with a pronounced aroma of apricot, pear, green apple, crushed rocks and the *je-ne-sais-quoi* that can only be Riesling. Very crisp and lively on the palate, the wine has a deep core of minerality and a citrusy freshness that is simply mouthwatering. The wine is a fine summer thirst quencher, but in its youthful vigor, its real strength will be as a superb companion to that enormous range of international foods for which Riesling is so uniquely suited.

This wine is made from mountain grown grapes, honoring the international tradition of Riesling which thrives on steep hillsides. 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, are 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.

Appellation:	Napa Valley
Sub-appellation:	Spring Mountain District
Varietal content:	100% Riesling
Alcohol:	13.2%
pH:	3.04
TA:	7.4 grams/l
Residual sugar:	0.21%
Harvested:	September 10 & 11, 2021
Cases produced:	1,258 cases
Winemakers and winegrowers:	Charles Smith & Stuart Smith

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