

SMITH-MADRONE

2022 Estate Riesling

A pale luminous yellow color, the aroma triggers thoughts of a big bunch of spring flowers, with an herbal note and a hint of peaches fresh on the tree and honeysuckle on the vine. On the palate there is a wave of expressive, zesty citrus, Meyer lemon, Key lime and a touch of juicy pineapple. Those flavor notes wrap around a silky core of textural richness. This wine is lively but delicate, long on the palate, bright, refreshing and, in a word, yummy. We think this vintage exemplifies how our Riesling can be dominant but delicate, a “bad ass” while also being an “iron fist in a velvet glove.” Genteel but powerful, consistent from nose to palate, tantalizing. And there’s another aspect this is no ‘flatland’ wine---all of its characteristics speak to its mountain terroir.

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:	3.25
TA:	6.9 grams/L
Harvested:	August 29-30, 2022
Cases produced:	714 cases
Winemakers and winegrowers:	Charles Smith, Stuart Smith, François Bugué

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