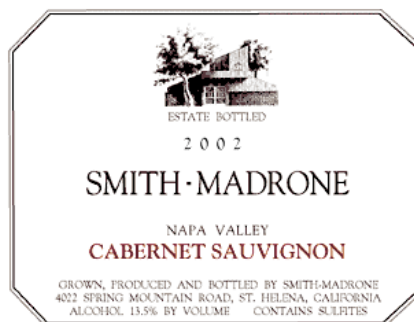


# SMITH-MADRONE

NAPA VALLEY

## *Winemaker's Notes*

### 2002 CABERNET SAUVIGNON



- Critic's Gold Medal, Critic's Challenge
- Gold Medal, Chairman's Award, Riverside International Wine Competition
- Gold Medal, Taster's Guild
- Gold Medal, Marin-Sonoma Wine Fair

Our 2002 Cabernet Sauvignon is dark red in color, with hints of mint, cedar, black cherry and blueberries from the Cabernet Franc, with just a dash of pepper mixed in. What's great about this wine is that its wonderfully complex aroma comes through on the taste, thus making this wine truly balanced. There are moderate tannins, which will allow extended aging, yet the wine is enjoyable now as well, especially with strong flavored foods or meat.

Our steep mountain vineyards are dry-farmed: this centuries-old tradition means that there is no supplemental irrigation for the vineyard—only what nature provides as rainfall. We believe that dry-farming allows the vines to come into balance with nature by sending their roots deep into the volcanic mountain soil, allowing the vines to mature their fruit as nature intended. Although this means a smaller yield of grapes, we are confident that this insures the best quality grapes.

All our wines are estate grown at our winery located at the very top of Spring Mountain in the Napa Valley. Our red wines are aged 100% in new American oak barrels made from white oak from Missouri, after air drying for two years.

AGE OF VINES:	31 years
APPELLATION:	Napa Valley
SUB-APPELLATION:	Spring Mountain District
FARMING:	dry-farmed mountain vineyards
VARIETAL CONTENT:	Cabernet Sauvignon 77%, Merlot 13%, Cabernet franc 10%
TIME IN OAK:	23 months in new American oak barrels
ALCOHOL BY VOLUME:	13.8%
FINING:	unfined
FILTRATION:	unfiltered
PRODUCTION:	1,135 cases
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