

SMITH-MADRONE

2009 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Wonderfully complicated and intense aromas of cassis, blueberry and black cherry characterize our 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon. The aromatics lead straight into a beautiful demonstration of just how much fun an old-fashioned, low alcohol wine (13.9%) can be. The signature of this wine is the lively and oh-so-flavorful fruit in the middle followed by a crisp juicy finish of unusual length.

Smith-Madrone's Cabernet Sauvignon is grown at the top of Spring Mountain (1,800-foot elevation), west of St. Helena in the Napa Valley. The vines are planted on very steep slopes (up to 35%) in red "Aiken" soil which is derived from weathered volcanic materials and sedimentary rock. The underlying geology, the Franciscan mélange, is just 500 miles long and was created by the Continental Plate grinding off the top of the Pacific Plate as it subducts under the Continental Plate.

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, yet above all else, the wines must 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.

AGE OF VINES:	37 years
APPELLATION:	NAPA VALLEY
SUB-APPELLATION:	SPRING MOUNTAIN DISTRICT
FARMING	DRY-FARMED MOUNTAIN VINEYARD
VARIETAL CONTENT:	Cabernet Sauvignon 84%, Merlot 8% & Cabernet franc 8%
TIME IN OAK	22 months in new American white oak barrels
pH	3.47
TOTAL ACIDITY	.61 g/100 ml
ALCOHOL BY VOLUME	13.9%
HARVEST DATES	September 25 to October 6
FINING	Unfined
FILTRATION	Unfiltered
CASES PRODUCED:	1,302 cases
WINEMAKERS & WINEGROWERS:	Charles Smith, Sam Smith & Stuart Smith
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