

SMITH·MADRONE

2019 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

The aroma of the 2019 Smith-Madrone Cabernet Sauvignon immediately hits you with a luxurious combination of blue/black fruit. Cassis, black cherry, marionberry and black plums dominate. Dig in a little deeper and you will find subtle hints of black pepper, graphite, black olives and a range of spices. An experienced taster should also be able to identify the signature quality that 12% Cabernet Franc lends to this wine's seductive nose.

Medium weight on the palate, this is an exceptionally lively and elegant wine, loaded with delicious dark fruit. While not as tightly structured as the 2018, the 2019 Cab is more forthcoming and forward. It is bright, creamy and plush at mid-palate, then slowly tapers off to a long, lingering finish that is both succulent and zingy. It is a completely lovely wine that qualifies as serious fun in a glass.

Our Spring Mountain pedigree insures deliciously integrated tannins and a long life-span. For fifty years our wines have been sourced from the same vineyards, pruned, cultivated and harvested in the same manner, creating artisanal wines which are distinctive and complex. Our goal is to produce wines which bring pleasure to all the senses.

Appellation:	Napa Valley
Sub-Appellation:	Spring Mountain District
Farming:	Non-till, estate-grown, sustainably farmed mountain vineyard
Varietal content :	83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot, 12% Cabernet Franc
Time in oak:	18 months in 55% new French oak
pH:	3.56
Total acidity:	6.8 g/l
Alcohol:	14.3%
Cases produced:	1,523 cases
Winemakers & Winegrowers:	Charles Smith & Stuart Smith

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2019 Estate Chardonnay

Bright notes of citrus, orange blossoms, stone fruit and minerality combined with just a touch of yeasty/toasty to make for a fine lead into a lively, zingy palate filled with succulent acidity. This wine is wonderfully refreshing on its own but would be a great food wine for anyone who is a fan of the crisper, drier more balanced style of Chardonnay.

Our soils are mostly deep-red Aiken Stoney Clay loam, part of the Aiken, Kidd, Forward complex of soils which are volcanic-based, well-drained and deep. The underlying geology is the very old (250,000,000 years) Franciscan Series Assemblage, unique to California coastal ranges, which includes altered mafic volcanic rocks, deep-sea radiolarian cherts, sandstones, limestones, serpentines, shales and high-pressure metamorphic rocks, all of them faulted and mixed in a seemingly chaotic manner as a result of the Pacific Tectonic Plate subducting under the Continental Plate and shears both off into an aggregate mix. Overlying this formation is the much younger weathered Sonoma Volcanic soil that forms our soils of today.

All our wines are made entirely from our dry-farmed estate vineyards surrounding the winery on top of Spring Mountain in the Napa Valley. 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.

Appellation:	Napa Valley
Sub-Appellation:	Spring Mountain District
Varietal content:	100% Chardonnay
Fermentation:	barrel fermented
Time in oak:	9 months
Oak:	55% new French oak
pH:	3.23
TA:	8.3 g/l
Alcohol:	14.6%
Cases produced:	1,153 cases
Winemakers & Winegrowers:	Charles Smith & Stuart Smith

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2019 Cook's Flat Reserve

Very dark in color with a deep, dark aroma to match. The aromatics are dominated by a firm core of black cherry, blackcurrant and black pepper. The 10% Cabernet Franc is making a very positive contribution to a sublime complexity. Why do we need perfume when wine smells like this? On the palate the wine is full, rich and creamy. The mid-palate is lush and crammed with dark fruit. There is some evidence of tannin and acid but beautifully controlled and nicely integrated into an impressive organic whole. This is a splendid wine, filled with riches that can only add luster to the wonderful achievements of Smith-Madrone's Cook Flat Reserve line-up.

Cook's Flat Reserve represents our uncompromising pursuit of perfection in winemaking. Each bottle is numbered and tissue wrapped with a copy of the U.S. Land Office patent which was signed by President Chester A. Arthur, granting ownership of the land to George Cook. That original document hangs in the winery and is an important part of our history. We chose this name in tribute to George Cook, the first owner of the property and the person who originally planted the vines here in the 1880s.

Appellation:	Napa Valley
Sub-Appellation:	Spring Mountain District
Farming:	Dry-farmed mountain estate
Varietal content :	90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc
Time in oak:	18 months
Oak:	100% new French oak
pH:	3.61
Total acidity:	6.7 g/l
Alcohol:	14.6%
Cases produced:	1,872 individually numbered bottles
Winemakers & Winegrowers:	Charles Smith & Stuart Smith

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2019 Estate Riesling

Aromatically, the wine opens with Meyer lemons, pomelo, orange flowers, and just a dab of mandarin orange hiding shyly behind a rose bush. This is all backed up with a solid dose of minerality. On the palate the wine is racy and beautifully balanced with a backbone of juicy fruit acidity. Wonderfully stylish and delicious and built to last. Drink now, or twenty years from now. Seriously.

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:	13.3%
pH:	2.98
Total acid:	0.914
Residual sugar:	0.67%
Harvested:	September 14 and 15, 2019
Cases produced:	1,087
Winemakers and winegrowers:	Charles & Stuart Smith

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