

SMITH·MADRONE

2018 Estate Cabernet Sauvignon

Aromatically, the 2018 Smith-Madrone Cabernet Sauvignon fills your glass with a magic conjunction of red and black fruit, cedar, graphite and perhaps a hint of cinnamon and nutmeg.

The superb nose is followed by a palate sensation of impressive size, shape and amplitude. The wine is big, beautifully textured and impeccably balanced. The structure becomes a dimension in and of itself. The piercing, focused aroma leads to a solid core of dark Cabernet fruit. The wine is a veritable treasure trove of aroma and flavor; it finishes long and strong with moderate fine grain tannins that suggest a long and happy future.

It is often the case that the best older wines were once the best younger wines and we are betting our fifty years of experience that the 2018 Cabernet is further proof of the truth of this wise old adage.

Appellation:	Napa Valley
Sub-appellation:	Spring Mountain District
Farming:	Dry-farmed estate mountain vineyard
Varietal content:	86.5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Merlot, 7.5% Cabernet Franc
Time in oak:	21 months in 50% new French oak
pH:	3.72
Titrateable acidity:	.63 grams/100ml
Alcohol:	14.3%
Cases produced:	1,006 cases
Winemakers & winegrowers:	Charles Smith, Stuart Smith & Sam Smith