

# SMITH-MADRONE

## 2014 Estate Riesling

Bright medium gold with glints of green, even at the six-year mark. The wine has a full, rich, developing aroma that is unmistakably Riesling. Equally rich and round on the palate with considerable intensity and push in the center, it still manages to remain well-mannered and keep everything under admirable control. The wine is distinguished by a tremendous flavor kick that finishes with a lush, juicy-ness and real length. All in all, the 2014 is well on its way to becoming the kind of older wine that makes the Riesling grape so famous for its aging potential.

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<u>Appellation:</u>	<u>Napa Valley</u>
<u>Sub-appellation:</u>	<u>Spring Mountain District</u>
<u>Varietal content:</u>	<u>100% Riesling</u>
<u>Alcohol:</u>	<u>12.8%</u>
<u>pH:</u>	<u>3.05</u>
<u>Residual sugar:</u>	<u>0.76%</u>
<u>Harvested:</u>	<u>August 29 – 31, 2014</u>
<u>Cases produced:</u>	<u>1,551 cases</u>
<u>Winemakers and winegrowers:</u>	<u>Charlie Smith, Sam Smith &amp; Stuart Smith</u>

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## 2015 Estate Riesling

There is a natural tendency to think of Alsatian wines when tasting Smith-Madrone Riesling, but the 2015 has a springy lightness that suggests the delicate, elegant style of some German wines.

It starts with a stunning floral aroma —of roses, particularly and a spritely combination of a variety of citrus fruits. On the palate it is once again delicate, lively & wonderfully flavorful. In the last year or so the wine has developed a brilliant clarity and intense focus. This wine is completely lovely and utterly delicious.

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<u>Varietal content:</u>	<u>100% Riesling</u>
<u>Alcohol:</u>	<u>12.6%</u>
<u>pH:</u>	<u>3.03</u>
<u>Residual sugar:</u>	<u>0.68%</u>
<u>Harvested:</u>	<u>August 27-28, 2015</u>
<u>Cases produced:</u>	<u>685 cases</u>
<u>Winemakers and winegrowers:</u>	<u>Charlie Smith, Sam Smith &amp; Stuart Smith</u>

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## 2016 Estate Riesling

Aromatically, the 2016 Riesling has strong floral notes with an admixture of lime, stone fruits and minerality. These qualities translate seamlessly into a succulent mid-palate replete with corresponding flavors. Very Alsatian in styles, the creamy center suggests a kind of delicate forcefulness that finishes with a bright, lively, juicy-fruit acidity.

Altogether lovely, delicious and stylish, the Riesling would be great ice-cold on a hot summer day or make a superb accompaniment to a wide variety of food either spicy or savory.

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New with this bottling is the availability of this wine in hand-waxed magnum (1.5L) bottles: quite a stunning presentation.

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<u>pH:</u>	<u>3.04</u>
<u>Residual sugar:</u>	<u>0.68%</u>
<u>Harvested:</u>	<u>September 2-4, 2016</u>
<u>Cases produced:</u>	<u>1,199 cases</u>
<u>Winemakers and winegrowers:</u>	<u>Charlie Smith, Sam Smith &amp; Stuart Smith</u>

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## 2017 Estate Riesling

Classic Riesling nose of honeysuckle, grapefruit and wet stone with just a hint of petrol binding everything together into a harmonious whole that couldn't be anything other than Riesling. If anything, it's even better on the palate. It has an impressive silky texture complemented by an equally impressive depth of flavor mid-palate. Lively and fruity and clean with intense varietal character. The acidity is integrating nicely, but the wine still exhibits a tasty crispness at the finish. It's a lovely expression of a mountain grown Riesling.

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Sub-Appellation:	Spring Mountain District
Farming:	Dry-farmed estate mountain vineyard
Varietal content:	100% Riesling
Alcohol:	12.9%
pH:	3.05
TA:	0.898
Cases produced:	1,449 cases
Winemakers & Winegrowers:	Charlie, Sam & Stuart Smith
Website:	<a href="http://www.smithmadrone.com">www.smithmadrone.com</a>

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## 2018 Estate Riesling

The 2018 Riesling opens with abundant floral notes buttressed by underpinnings of lime, lemon and exotic oranges. This delicate, fetching aroma leads one to expect a wine on the lighter, more delicate side and, when tasted, this expectation is confirmed. On the palate the wine is stylish and elegant, demonstrating a brilliant acidity that is at once fine and lively, tasty and fun and not the least off putting. The acid feels just right; it's very much like biting into a delicious, crunchy Riesling flavored apple. For a wine of this delicate construction it still manages to retain a solid core of vibrant fruit. It's svelte and elegant, it's drinking beautifully now and shows great promise for the future.

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Sub-appellation:	Spring Mountain District
Varietal content:	100% Riesling
Alcohol:	13.3%
pH:	3.04
Total acid:	0.768
Residual sugar:	0.7%
Harvested:	September 6-8, 2018
Cases Produced:	1,611 cases
Winemakers and winegrowers:	Charlie Smith, Sam 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.

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Sub-appellation:	Spring Mountain District
Varietal content:	100% Riesling
Alcohol:	13.3%
pH:	2.98
Total acid:	0.914
Residual sugar:	.67%
Harvested:	September 14 and 15, 2019
Cases produced:	1,087 cases
Winemakers and winegrowers:	Charlie Smith, Sam Smith & Stuart Smith