

SMITH-MADRONE

2014 Cook's Flat Reserve

This is a limited production wine created by the careful selection and blending of a small group of the best barrels the vintage has to offer.

At ten years of age all the elements of a forceful potent young Cabernet are merging together to create this wonderful expression of the 2014 vintage after an enchanting aroma of licorice, red plums, dark chocolate, cassis and just the faintest hint of mushrooms and black truffles. The wine simply explodes on the palate. It has the most seductive creamy mid-palate imaginable. What a delight! It is a gorgeous example of the kind of wine that demonstrates why we all make such a fuss about red wines and older Cabernets in particular. Does it still have some development time left? Can a wine this lovely improve, say with 4 or 5 more years in the bottle? It is so delicious now, so thoroughly accomplished, that it's hard to say...maybe!

Each individually numbered and tissue-wrapped bottle of Cook's Flat Reserve represents our uncompromising pursuit of perfection in winemaking. The tissue is a copy of the U.S. Land Office patent, 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 1800s.

Smith-Madrone was founded in 1971 with the purchase of 200 wild acres at the very top of Spring Mountain in the Napa Valley. Over the years we have personally cleared the land, planted and nurtured grapes on 37 of these acres and have made wine from those grapes since 1977. Our vines grow at an elevation of 1,800-feet on very steep slopes (up to 35%) in red "Aiken" soil, derived from weathered volcanic materials and sedimentary rock.

Appellation:	Napa Valley
Sub-appellation:	Spring Mountain District
Farming:	Dry-farmed mountain vineyard
Varietal content:	90 % Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc
Time in oak:	19 months in 85% new French oak barrels
Type of oak:	Sourced from forests of Tronçais, Nevers and Allier
pH:	3.68
Total acidity:	6.5 g/L
Alcohol by volume:	14.5%
Case production:	192 cases
Winemakers and winegrowers:	Charles Smith & Stuart Smith

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