

SMITH-MADRONE

2023 Estate Cabernet Franc

The 2023 Cabernet Franc is Smith-Madrone's third bottling.

Leading with the forceful aromatics of ripe red/black plums on top of blonde tobacco, bay leaf and laurel---a combination that could only be Cabernet Franc---this wine promises a great deal. And does it ever deliver!

Remarkably dense and compact in mid-palate, there is a core of succulent juicy fruit sweetness very much in harmony with a trailing edge of tasty acidity and finely ground tannins.

It all combines into a lovely organic whole that is the perfect embodiment of the classic bit of wine wisdom, "delicious now but with the stuffing to age for many years to come."

Our Spring Mountain pedigree insures deliciously integrated tannins and a long life-span. For fifty-four 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 blend :	90% Cabernet Franc, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon
Time in oak:	18 months in 60% new French oak
pH:	3.48
Total acidity:	6.4 g/L
Alcohol:	14.3%
Cases produced:	93 cases
Harvested:	October 10 & 11, 2023
Winemakers & Winegrowers:	Charles Smith, François Bugué, Stuart Smith