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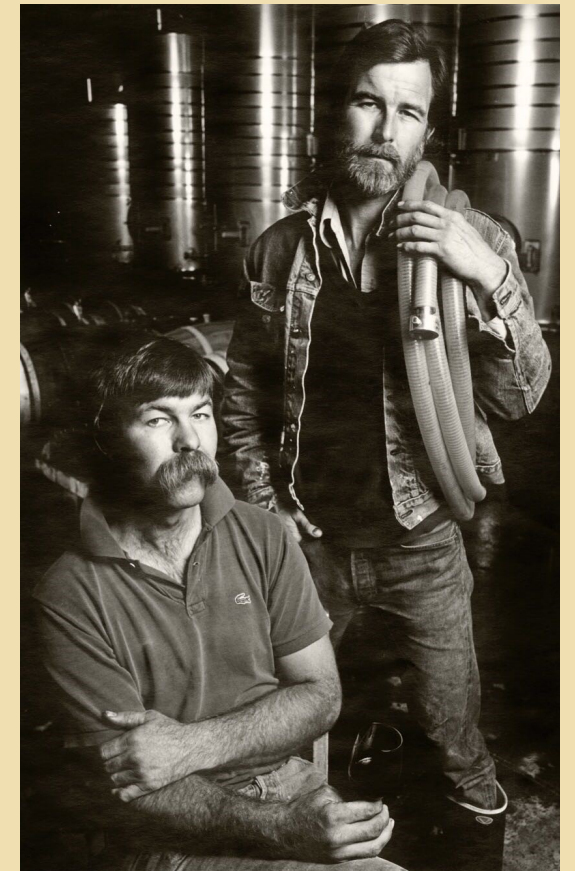
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History

Brothers Stuart and Charles Smith are the vineyard managers and winemakers of Smith-Madrone Winery. Also in the family attic is the Fetherolf family, German farmers from the Palatinate region, who came to America on the Good Ship Thistle in 1730. The name for the winery came as a tribute to the Smith brothers who pursued their dream and to the Madrone trees which distinguish the property.

In May 1971, with a partnership of family and friends, Stuart Smith bought the 'terroir' which today is Smith-Madrone Vineyards & winery. In trying to find land to plant vineyard in the Napa Valley, through a family friend he explored a forest on the remotest and highest part of Spring Mountain and discovered that the land had been a vineyard in the 1880s and in fact had been part of the wagon trail route between Napa and Santa Rosa.





Chardonnay 2016'



This spectacular Chardonnay has a full, forward nose with complex notes of toasted hazelnut, white peaches and Meyer lemon. Admirably restrained oak. Beautiful mid-palate that is full and succulent without being the least bit heavy. Superbly integrated acidity. Overall the wine exhibits a remarkable structure that translates to a lip-smacking juiciness.



Cabernet Sauvignon 2014'



This wine opens with a concentrated nose of dark fruits, leading with notes of boysenberry and plum. The palate is remarkably seamless, an elegantly integrated mouthful with a velvety, silky texture which leaves you realizing how winemaking can 'distill' a grape into a powerful perfume, the essence of Cabernet Sauvignon. Old school and old world in its approach, this wine projects finesse, grace and balance, all supported by the backbone of a mountain vineyard pedigree. Superb now, with a finish which almost doesn't finish, this wine will certainly age wonderfully for at least twenty-five years.

Riesling 2015'



The 2015 is the very definition of racy. It is bright, clean and delicious with a solid core of minerality surrounded by grace notes of citrus fruit and honeysuckle. This wine can only enhance our already solid reputation as a producer of great Riesling. In short, the 2015 is simply a humdinger. Delicious to drink now or anytime in the next 25 to 35 years.

Cooks Flat 2013'

Cook's Flat Reserve is a proprietary name for a wine that is the culmination of our 46 years of growing grapes and making wine in the mountains of the Spring Mountain District. The name refers to George Cook, the first owner of the property. 'Cook's Flat' was the local Oldtimers' name for the eight-acre plateau-like vineyard block which was replanted in 1972.

The packaging expresses the property's history and an uncompromising attention to detail. Each bottle is wrapped in tissue which has been printed with a copy of the U.S. Land Office Patent which granted ownership to George Cook and was signed by President Chester Arthur on December 5, 1885. We proudly display the original at the winery.



The Smith-Madrone Cook's Flat Reserve is layered and profound with classic Bordeaux-blend hallmarks. While the nose is predominantly savory, the palate is fruit-driven with rich black currant wrapped in dark chocolate and accented by cedar. With air, the palate becomes increasingly savory, emphasizing mineral and bay leaf characters. The wine's ready to drink now, but will age and gain further complexity at least another 20 years.

