SMITH-MADRONE

2019 Cook's Flat Reserve

Very dark in color with a deep, dark aroma to match. The aromatics are dominated by a firm core of black cherry, blackcurrant and black pepper. The 10% Cabernet Franc is making a very positive contribution to a sublime complexity. Why do we need perfume when wine smells like this? On the palate the wine is full, rich and creamy. The mid-palate is lush and crammed with dark fruit. There is some evidence of tannin and acid but beautifully controlled and nicely integrated into an impressive organic whole. This is a splendid wine, filled with riches that can only add luster to the wonderful achievements of Smith-Madrone's Cook Flat Reserve line-up.

Cook's Flat Reserve represents our uncompromising pursuit of perfection in winemaking. Each bottle is numbered and tissue wrapped with a copy of the U.S. Land Office patent which was 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 1880s.

Appellation:	Napa Valley
Sub-Appellation:	Spring Mountain District
Farming:	Dry-farmed mountain estate
Varietal content:	90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc
Time in oak:	18 months
Oak:	100% new French oak
pH:	3.61
Total acidity:	6.7 g/L
Alcohol:	14.6%
Cases produced:	1,872 individually numbered bottles
Winemakers & Winegrowers:	Charles Smith & Stuart Smith