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Description

2004 marks the second consecutive year that the recently rechristened "Mailbox" vineyard has been chosen as the sole source for the Reserve Merlot bottling. The 2004 vintage seems to combine the best qualities of the last three outstanding vintages. The power and depth of the '01, the rich fruit and fabulous textures of the '02 and the classic structure and earthy complexities of the '03 have seemingly been magically combined in the 2004 vintage.

The finished wine is rich in fruit and textured smoothly enough to be enjoyed young, but has enough built in structure and hidden Spring Mountain District complexity to pay handsome rewards to those who wish to cellar it for years. Cheers! Michael Keenan

**Excerpt from Robert M. Parker, Jr.'s,
The Wine Advocate,**

Issue # 168, December 26, 2006

91 Points

"The 2004 Merlot Reserve Mailbox Vineyard is a more concentrated and backward wine than the regular bottling. Ultimately it should merit several more points given its complex mocha, espresso roast, chocolate, black cherry, and berry-scented bouquet. Opulent, thick, juicy, and medium to full-bodied with supple tannins as well as superb length, it should drink well for 10-15 years."

Anthony Dias Blue, The Tasting Panel Magazine

December 2007

92 Points

"Smooth texture and ripe plum and blackberry fruit; rich, velvety and concentrated."

Wine Enthusiast Magazine

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92 Points

"Not many Merlots deserve time in the cellar, but this one does. Such are its mountain tannins that it's in lockdown mode, with a tough, astringent finish. But just below the surface are voluptuously ripe flavors of blackberries, cherries and mulberries. Best to give this young wine at least through mid-2008, and it could improve for another five years."

WINE DATA

Alcohol:	14.3%
Total Acidity:	0.570 grams/100mL
pH:	3.590
Residual Sugar:	Dry
Bottling Date:	28th of August 2006
Blend:	100% Estate Merlot
Production:	300 cases

AWARDS

The Wine Advocate, Robert M. Parker, Jr.

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