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[WINE TASTING NOTES](#)**Description**

Keenan Winery is located in Spring Mountain District, high in the Mayacamas mountain range above the town of Saint Helena. Seventeen acres of Merlot vines were planted in the gravelly soils surrounding the winery, and it is these vines that produce some of the finest Merlot in Napa. The vineyards are situated above the dense layer of fog that creeps up the Napa Valley most evenings. Consequently the vines warm up earlier in the morning and stay warm through the night. The combination of warm temperatures, steep hillside vine rows and gravelly soils promotes more stress on the vines leading to increased intensity in the finished wine.

The 2000 Keenan Merlot is composed of fifty-nine percent Keenan Estate fruit. Select Merlot vineyards from Mount Veeder, and the Napa Carneros region were chosen to add complexity and to aid in softening the powerful Estate Merlot. After hand harvesting, each vineyard lot was de-stemmed and inoculated with Montrachet yeast. Fermentation ranged from seven to twelve days before pressing.

The '00 Merlot has been aged in fifty percent new French and American oak barrels for twenty months. The wine remains one hundred percent Merlot -- no other varietals were added to the blend. The resulting wine shows intense plum, black cherry and blackberry aromas that are enhanced by a toasty oak background. Consumers can expect this Merlot to open up to a rich, velvety, full-bodied wine.

**Excerpt from Robert M. Parker, Jr.'s,  
The Wine Advocate, Issue 150  
87 Points**

"It is encouraging to see a yearly increase in quality from Keenan. While their Spring Mountain Vineyards are finally starting to come into production, purchased fruit is also utilized. The top wines of their current portfolio are the finest I've ever tasted from this producer."

**Wilfred Wong  
eCommerce Cellarmaster  
Beverages & More!  
91 Points (March 9, 2004,)**

"Bright ruby color; savage-like ripe fruit aromas with steady stream of cranberries, excellent depth; medium bodied, firm on the palate, good structure; dry, very good acidity, nicely balanced; attractive and soulful flavors of ripe cherries, lavender, and anise, excellent depth; medium to long finish, tantalizing fruity aftertaste." (Best Served 2004-2007)

**WINE DATA**

<b>Alcohol:</b>	13.5%
<b>Total Acidity:</b>	0.580 grams/100mL
<b>pH:</b>	3.470
<b>Residual Sugar:</b>	Dry
<b>Bottling Date:</b>	21st of August 2002
<b>Blend:</b>	100% Merlot
<b>Production:</b>	2340

**AWARDS**

**Wine Advocate / Robert Parker  
87 Points**

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