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WINE DATA

Alcohol:	14.3%
Total Acidity:	0.600 grams/100mL
pH:	3.490
Residual Sugar:	60% New French and American oak barrels.
Bottling Date:	18th of August 2003
Blend:	25% Cabernet Sauvignon & Cabernet Franc, 50% Merlot
Production:	282 cases

Description

2001 marks the first vintage in which the proprietary red blend, Mernet, is composed primarily of fruit grown on Keenan's Spring Mountain District Estate. This is also the first time that Cabernet Franc is a component in the blend; previous vintages were composed exclusively of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot.

Blending trials for the *2001 Mernet*, began in March of 2003, with separate lots of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Merlot. The favored Cabernet Sauvignon was produced from Keenan's newly replanted "K" vineyard, and makes up twenty-five percent of the blend. The Cabernet Franc also makes up twenty-five percent of the blend and was produced from grapes grown in Keenan's "Upper Bowl" vineyard. The remaining fifty percent of the 2001 Mernet is Merlot - half of the Merlot was grown in the estate "Upper Bowl" vineyard and half of the Merlot was grown in the Napa Carneros region.

This marriage of two varietals is deemed "*Mernet*" (Mare--nay) by winery president, Michael Keenan. The name stems from the two facets of the blend -- *Mer*(lot) and *(Caber)net*, with each wine supplying what the other may have lacked.

The finished wine is a beautifully balanced, full--bodied red wine, that will radiate impressive flavors and aromas for many years to come.

Excerpt from Robert M. Parker, Jr.'s, *The Wine Advocate*, Issue 150
92+ Points December 23, 2003

"The brilliant 2001 Mernet combines the elegance of Bordeaux with the power and richness of Napa Valley. A saturated ruby/purple color is followed by sumptuous aromas of licorice, black currants, and spice box. Medium to full-bodied, with a delineated, fresh, pure, lively palate, this concentrated, yet surprisingly accessible 2001 should drink well young yet age for 12-15 years. BRAVO!"

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