



# *Robert Keenan Winery*

## **2002 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve Napa Valley, Spring Mountain District**

The 2002 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve is composed primarily of fruit grown on Keenan's Spring Mountain District Estate. Ninety-five percent of this wine is composed of estate grown Clone 7 Cabernet Sauvignon. Of the five different estate clones to choose from, we chose Clone 7, feeling it best showcased the "soul" of the 2002 vintage. The Clone 7 shows the most dynamic expression; beautifully described red berry fruit coupled with elegant, understated mountain power. To balance the blend, five percent Merlot from the Napa Carneros district was added.

The Clone 7 Cabernet was harvested on October 7th. A heat spike in early October of 2002 prompted Keenan's Cabernet to quickly ripen to full maturity. After hand harvesting, the fruit was de-stemmed then inoculated with Montrachet yeast. Once fermented the wine was barrel aged in French and American oak for twenty months.

**Reviews:** Robert M. Parker Jr.

### **Wine Advocate**

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**"2002 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve exhibits a saturated purple color, and a big, sweet nose of blackberries, black currants, earth, and smoky oak. Impressively endowed, well structured, with high but well-integrated tannin, decent acidity, and a long finish, it requires 2-3 years of bottle-age. It should evolve for 15-20 years."**

### **Wine Data:**

Alcohol: ..... 14.3%  
Total Acidity: ..... 0.58 grams/100 mL  
pH: ..... 3.68  
Residual Sugar: ..... Dry  
Bottling Date: ..... August 16, 2004  
Production: ..... 280 Cases  
Blend: ..... 95% Cabernet Sauvignon Estate, 5% Merlot  
..... Carneros Napa Valley