

Keenan



Napa Valley
Spring Mountain District

2007 Mernet, Reserve, Napa Valley

TASTING NOTES

2007 is our 9th consecutive vintage of "Mernet" (mare-nay) our proprietary marriage of Merlot and Cabernet. Each blend has been half Merlot and half Cabernet but no two wines have had the same vineyard combination. This year the Merlot half is equally split between the "Mailbox Vineyard" and the Carneros Merlot. The Cabernet half of the blend is all estate clone 7. The resulting wine is a seamless blend of the two varietals with an emphasis on high-toned sweet delicious rich fruit with an almost hidden depth and structure to allow for indefinite aging. Enjoy now or decades from now.

Cheers!

Michael Keenan

REVIEWS

Robert M. Parker, Jr.'s, *The Wine Advocate*, Issue # 186 December 23, 2009

97 Points "...the 2007 Mernet Reserve, a brilliant blend of equal parts Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, is prodigious. Floral notes interwoven with white chocolate, crème de cassis, graphite, licorice, and a hint of bay leaf are followed by a substantial, full-bodied wine with a finish that goes on for nearly a minute. The multi layered texture, depth of fruit, silky yet substantial tannins, and profound finish put it into the uber qualitative category. This wow wine is brilliant example of what Michael Keenan has been accomplishing of Spring Mountain over the last five or more years. It should drink well for 20-25 years."

WINE DATA

Alcohol:	14.3%
Total Acidity:	0.59 grams/100 ml
pH:	3.59
Residual Sugar:	Dry
Bottling Date:	August 27, 2009
Production:	500 cases
Blend:	25% Merlot Estate "Mailbox Vineyard" 25% Merlot Napa Carneros 50% Cabernet Sauvignon Estate Clone 7