

Keenan



Napa Valley
Spring Mountain District

2008 Mernet Reserve, Spring Mountain District

TASTING NOTES

2008 is our 10th 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 combinations. This year the blend is equally split between the "Mailbox" Vineyard and the estate Cabernet Sauvignon Clone 337. 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 # 192 December 23, 2010

95 Points "The 2008 Mernet Reserve is composed of 50% Merlot and 50% Cabernet Sauvignon. I've never liked the name that much, but I sure love the wine. Another prodigious effort from Keenan, it boasts an inky/purple color as well as a sweet nose filled with blackberry, black currant and cherry fruit intermixed with mocha and chocolate. Full-bodied and rich with an enticing suppleness as well as admirable length and texture, it should drink well for 15 or more years."

WINE DATA

Alcohol:	14.3%
Total Acidity:	0.57 grams/100 ml
pH:	3.67
Residual Sugar:	Dry
Bottling Date:	August 18, 2010
Production:	350 cases
Blend:	50% Merlot Estate "Mailbox Vineyard" 50% Cabernet Sauvignon Estate Clone 337