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WINE TASTING NOTES

Description

Blending trials for Keenan's 2000 proprietary red blend, **Mernet**, began in June of 2002, with separate lots of 2000 Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot; it didn't take long to decide upon the two lots that fit together. The favored Cabernet Sauvignon was produced from grapes grown in Oak Knoll and Pope Valley regions of the Napa Valley, and shows immense structure, dark inky hues, and complex, robust flavors. The Merlot was grown in the Napa Cameros region and supplies soft velvety texture with concentrated ripe berry nuances in the nose.

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 89+ 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."

"The proprietary offering, the **2000 Mernet Reserve**, is a limited production (274 cases) blend of equal parts Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. Made in a Bordeaux-like style, it offers an elegant bouquet of tobacco leaf, red as well as black currants, minerals, earth, and spicy oak. It juxtaposes both power and elegance. Michael Keenan, the enthusiastic young proprietor who has done so much to resurrect this estate, believes this will ultimately be Keenan's flagship wine."

Wine and Spirits

90 Points--December 2003

"The dark scent of fig predicts the depth and length of fruit flavor in this gentle wine. A blend of merlot and cabernet, the ripeness almost reaches raisin, but the main elements are more in the fig and date range. And there is a bright red edge to keep it fresh. Sweet and warm, this is ready for filet mignon."

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

"Deep ruby color; elegant red fruit aromas, medium depth, quite unusual and inviting; medium bodied, excellent tension on the palate, fine structure; dry, excellent acidity, well-balanced; attractive red currant flavors, youthful and undeveloped, medium depth; lingering finish, lively aftertaste." (Best Served 2004-2008)

WINE DATA

Alcohol:	13.5%
Total Acidity:	0.610 grams/100mL
pH:	3.440
Residual Sugar:	60% New French and American oak barrels.
Bottling Date:	30th of November 1999
Blend:	50% Cabernet Sauvignon 50% Merlot
Production:	274 cases

AWARDS

**Wine Advocate/Robert Parker
89+ Points**

**Wine and Spirits
90 Points**

**Beverages & More/Wifred Wong
91 Points**