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WINE TASTING NOTES**WINE DATA**

Alcohol:	13.5%
Total Acidity:	0.610 grams/100mL
pH:	3.500
Residual Sugar:	Dry
Bottling Date:	28th of January 2003
Blend:	90% Merlot, 10% Cab
Production:	276

Description

While conducting blending trials for the **2000 Napa Valley Merlot**, one lot of estate Merlot was found to possess even more extraction and intensity than the other 2000's. Consequently a portion of the lot was set aside and designated a reserve wine. Additional trials were conducted in order to determine if the wine could be further enhanced. As a result ten percent estate Cabernet Sauvignon was added in order to supply complexity and depth and fifteen percent Merlot from the Napa Carneros region provides additional ripe fruit nuances.

The **2000 Merlot Reserve** is a bold, full-bodied wine. Ripe black cherry and roast coffee bean show gracefully in the nose and hints of toasty oak are exhibited on the finish. Soft and round, this wine is delicious right now, but has the structure to age 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."

"From their Spring Mountain vineyard, the 2000 Merlot Reserve is tightly-structured, dense as well as elegant, revealing notes of charcoal, black cherries, and currants. Medium-bodied and stylish, with an understated personality.

**Wilfred Wong eCommerce Cellarmaster
Beverages & More!
94 Points (March 9, 2004,)**

"Bright, bold, deep ruby color; youthful and sexy aromas of minerals and smoke; loads of ripe, black fruits, outstanding concentration without going over the top; medium to full-bodied, nicely packed on the palate; dry, very good acidity, very good balance; impressive ripe fruit flavors, pure, youthful, excellent depth; long finish, smooth, layered aftertaste." (Best Served 2006-2012)

AWARDS

**Wine Advocate / Robert Parker
89 Points**

**Wine Enthusiast
93 Points**

**Wine and Sirits
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94 Points**