



Robert Keenan Winery

2002 Merlot Reserve Spring Mountain District

The 2002 Merlot Reserve is composed primarily of fruit grown on Keenan's Spring Mountain District Estate; ninety-five percent of this wine is from the "Lower Bowl" vineyard. The Lower Bowl Merlot possessed additional concentration and richness, so a portion was set aside to produce a Reserve wine. As blending trials progressed, it was decided that the wine would be enhanced by a small amount of Keenan's Napa Carneros Merlot. Only five percent of the Carneros Merlot was added, just enough to soften the wine slightly, and add some 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.

Reviews:

Robert M. Parker, Jr.'s

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94 Points "The deep ruby/purple-hued 2002 Merlot Reserve offers up aromas of melted licorice, smoky espresso, black currants, cherries, and licorice. This dense, succulent wine boasts terrific concentration as well as purity, and a long, full-bodied, rich finish. Anticipated maturity: now-2015."

Wine Data:

Alcohol:	14.3%
Total Acidity:	0.56 grams/100 mL
pH:	3.62
Residual Sugar:	Dry
Bottling Date:	August 16, 2004
Production:	280 Cases
Blend:	100% Merlot, 10% Cabernet
.	95% Estate Merlot,
.	5% Merlot Napa Carneros