

Keenan



Napa Valley
Spring Mountain District

2018 Merlot Reserve, Mailbox Vineyard Spring Mountain District

TASTING NOTES

range above the town of Saint Helena. We planted eleven acres of Merlot vines in the rocky soils surrounding the winery and we believe this mountainside vineyard produces some of the finest Merlot in all of Napa Valley. Sited above the dense layer of fog that creeps up the Napa Valley most evenings, the vineyard warms earlier in the morning and temperatures remain warm throughout the night. The combination of these warm temperatures, steep hillside vine rows, and gravelly soils promotes stress on the vines, leading to increased intensity of flavors and aromas in the finished wine.

For the sixteenth consecutive year the rechristened "Mailbox" vineyard has been chosen as the source for the Reserve Merlot bottling. Hints of violets and a signature earthy spiciness show in the nose, a chocolaty creaminess combines with the rich dark full fruit on the palette, the finish is beautifully layered, deep, elegant and very, very long. Drink now or decades from now.

REVIEWS

Antonio Galloni, Vinous, January 2021

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93 Points *"Keenan's 2018 Merlot Reserve Mailbox Vineyard is another attractive wine in the range. It offers darker tonalities of fruit to match its mid-weight personality. A touch of oak sweetness is well-judged in this very appealing, supple Merlot from Keenan. Hints of lavender, mocha and spice add raciness throughout"*

WINE DATA

Alcohol:	14.7%
Total Acidity:	0.58 grams/100ml
pH:	3.63
Residual Sugar:	Dry
Bottling Date:	July 1st, 2020
Production:	500 cases
Blend:	100% Merlot
Vineyard Sources:	100% Estate Merlot, Mailbox Vineyard