

Keenan



Napa Valley
Spring Mountain District

1994 Cabernet Sauvignon, Hillside Estate, Napa Valley

TASTING NOTES

Keenan considers the 1994 vintage to be one of its best to date. The summer of '94 allowed our Estate grown Cabernet grapes to mature slowly and evenly, and the vineyards were harvested at the peak of maturity. It was this perfect growing season, and a well-timed harvest that helped Keenan to produce a full-bodied Cabernet with wonderful fruit characters.

Our '94 Cabernet shows the concentrated flavor and bouquet that are indicative of our mountain grown Cabernet. Due to new fermentation techniques and over two years of bottle aging, the wine is mouth-pleasing and quite approachable at this time. The wine aromas offer nuances of ripe black cherry and cassis; hints of coffee and cocoa are apparent as the wine opens up. The rich body and soft tannins please the palate as notes of toasty French oak round off the lingering finish.

"1994 Spring Mountain District Hillside Estate Cabernet Sauvignon. A small, reliable producer in Napa, Keenan turns out refined cabernets at reasonable prices. In this 1994, fruit from the cool Spring Mountain appellation is paramount, as are the oak barrels to marry and age it in. Ripe aromas of cassis, sandalwood and rose oil lead into cherry, plum and roasted coffee flavors. While the tannins are silky at the beginning, they are quite firm on the finish. Hold this one for a few years until the tannins are subdued, or tame them now with rich red meat or game dishes."

AWARDS & RATINGS

REVIEWS

1999 Jerry Mead's International Wine Comp. Silver 1999 Dallas Morning News International Bronze 1998 San Francisco International Wine Comp. Bronze Wine & Spirits Magazine 92 Points Beverage Testing Institute 92 Points Wine Enthusiast, Best of 1998 92 Points Wine Advocate, Robert M. Parker, Jr. 88 Points Wine Spectator, October 1998 87 Points

WINE DATA

Alcohol:	13.5%
Total Acidity:	0.60 grams/100 ml
pH:	3.62
Residual Sugar:	Dry
Bottling Date:	August 29 & 30, 1996
Production:	2,100 cases
Blend:	90% Cabernet Sauvignon 10% Cabernet Franc