

Keenan



Napa Valley
Spring Mountain District

2005 Merlot Reserve, Mailbox Vineyard
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For the third consecutive year the recently rechristened “Mailbox” vineyard has been chosen as the prime source for the Reserve Merlot bottling. The 2005 vintage has some of the most pinpoint, laser-like flavors we have ever seen due to a higher than normal natural acid level at harvest. Hints of violets and a fabulous spiciness show in the nose, a chocolaty creaminess combines with the rich fruit on the palette, and the finish is long, deep, and elegant. Drink now or decades from now.

Cheers!
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92 Points “An outstanding effort, the **2005 Merlot Reserve Mailbox Vineyard** retains the elegant style, but ratchets up the level of concentration and complexity. A fragrant, red currant, sweet cherry, roasted herb, and mocha-infused nose is followed by a full-bodied wine with lovely elegance, finesse, sweet tannins, and long, layered fruit flavors that cascade over the palate with no hard edges.”

Wine Data

Alcohol	14.3%
Total Acidity	0.56 grams/100ml
pH:	3.70
Residual Sugar	Dry
Bottling Date:	August 23, 2007
Production:	350 cases
Blend:	100% Merlot
Vineyard Sources:	100% Estate Merlot