

Keenan



Napa Valley
Spring Mountain District

2002 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve Napa Valley, Spring Mountain District

TASTING NOTES

The 2002 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve is composed primarily of fruit grown on Keenan's Spring Mountain District Estate. Ninety-five percent of this wine is composed of estate grown Clone 7 Cabernet Sauvignon. Of the five different estate clones to choose from, we chose Clone 7, feeling it best showcased the "soul" of the 2002 vintage. The Clone 7 shows the most dynamic expression; beautifully described red berry fruit coupled with elegant, understated mountain power. To balance the blend, five percent Merlot from the Napa Carneros district was added.

The Clone 7 Cabernet was harvested on October 7th. A heat spike in early October of 2002 prompted Keenan's Cabernet to quickly ripen to full maturity. After hand harvesting, the fruit was de-stemmed then inoculated with Montrachet yeast. Once fermented the wine was barrel aged in French and American oak for twenty months.

REVIEWS

Reviews: Robert M. Parker Jr. Wine Advocate Issue #157 2.28.2005 / 93+ Points
"2002 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve exhibits a saturated purple color, and a big, sweet nose of blackberries, black currants, earth, and smoky oak. Impressively endowed, well structured, with high but well-integrated tannin, decent acidity, and a long finish, it requires 2-3 years of bottle-age. It should evolve for 15-20 years."

WINE DATA

Alcohol:	14.3%
Total Acidity:	0.58 grams/100 mL
pH:	3.68
Residual Sugar:	Dry
Bottling Date:	August 16, 2004
Production:	280 Cases
Blend:	95% Cabernet Sauvignon Estate, 5% Merlot Carneros Napa Valley