

Keenan



Napa Valley
Spring Mountain District

2004 Reserve Merlot, Mailbox Vineyard Spring Mountain District

TASTING NOTES

2004 marks the second consecutive year that the recently rechristened "Mailbox" vineyard has been chosen as the sole source for the Reserve Merlot bottling. The 2004 vintage seems to combine the best qualities of the last three outstanding vintages. The power and depth of the '01, the rich fruit and fabulous textures of the '02 and the classic structure and earthy complexities of the '03 have seemingly been magically combined in the 2004 vintage. The finished wine is rich in fruit and textured smoothly enough to be enjoyed young, but has enough built in structure and hidden Spring Mountain District complexity to pay handsome rewards to those who wish to cellar it for years.

REVIEWS

Robert M. Parker, Jr.'s The Wine Advocate Issue # 163, December 26, 2006

"The 2004 Merlot Reserve Mailbox Vineyard is a more concentrated and backward wine than the regular bottling. Ultimately it should merit several more points given its complex mocha, espresso roast, chocolate, black cherry, and berry-scented bouquet. Opulent, thick, juicy, and medium to full-bodied with supple tannins as well as superb length, it should drink well for 10-15 years"

91 Points

WINE DATA

Alcohol:	14.3%
Total Acidity:	0.57 grams/100 mL
pH:	3.59
Residual Sugar:	Dry
Bottling Date:	August 28, 2006
Production:	300 Cases
Blend:	100% Estate Merlot