

Keenan



Napa Valley
Spring Mountain District

2005 Mernet Reserve, Napa Valley, Spring Mountain District

TASTING NOTES

2005 marks Keenan's 7th consecutive vintage of "Mernet" (mare-nay), our proprietary marriage of Merlot and Cabernet. Each blend has been half Merlot and half Cabernet, but no two wines have had the same vineyard combination. This year the Merlot half is 45% Estate Merlot from our "Upper Bowl" vineyard and 5% Merlot from the Napa Carneros, and the Cabernet half is all Clone 7 Cabernet Sauvignon (a UC Davis clone) from our big "K" Estate vineyard.

This marriage of varieties is deemed "Mernet" by winery president, Michael Keenan. The name stems from the two components of the blend – Mer(lot) and (Caber)net, with each of the wines supplying what the other may have lacked.

The resulting wine is a seamless blend of the two varieties with an emphasis on high-toned sweet delicious rich fruit with an almost hidden depth and structure to allow for indefinite aging. Enjoy now or decades from now.

REVIEWS

Robert M. Parker Jr. Wine Advocate Issue #174 12.28.2007 / 94 Points

"Another stylish (Keenan) offering is the 2005 Mernet Reserve, a blend of 50% Cabernet Sauvignon and 50% Merlot (350 cases). It exhibits a deep ruby/purple hue in addition to an attractive bouquet of white chocolate, licorice, and sweet blueberry and red cherry fruit, medium to full body, and well-integrated tannin, acidity, and wood. This Margaux-like red can be enjoyed over the next 10-15 years"

WINE DATA

Alcohol:	14.3%
Total Acidity:	0.60 grams/100 ml
pH:	3.70
Bottling Date:	August 22, 2007
Production:	350 cases
Blend:	45% Merlot Estate "Upper Bowl" 5% Merlot Napa Carneros 50% Cabernet Sauvignon Estate Clone 7