

Keenan



Napa Valley
Spring Mountain District

2006 Reserve Merlot, Mailbox Vineyard Spring Mountain District

TASTING NOTES

For the fourth consecutive year the recently rechristened “Mailbox” vineyard has been chosen as the prime source for the Reserve Merlot bottling. 5% Cabernet Franc has been added to this blend to heighten the bright, rich, cherry elements in this blend. 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! Michael Keenan

REVIEWS

Robert M. Parker, Jr.'s The Wine Advocate , Issue # 180, December 31, 2008

91 Points *“The brilliant 2006 Merlot Reserve Mailbox Vineyard (a tiny 350-case lot that includes 5% Cabernet Franc) possesses a dense purple color as well as sweet notes of charcoal, black currants, black cherries, chocolate, and earth. Dense, full bodied, and beautifully constructed with silky tannins and enough acidity to provide uplift and vibrancy, it can be enjoyed over the next 15 year.”*

WINE DATA

Alcohol:	14.3%
Total Acidity:	0.55 grams/100 mL
pH:	3.70
Residual Sugar:	Dry
Bottling Date:	August 13, 2008
Production:	350 Cases
Blend:	95% Estate Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc Vineyard Source 95% Estate Merlot, Mailbox Vineyard