

Keenan



Napa Valley
Spring Mountain District

2015 Merlot, “The Original”
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Single Vineyard, 100% Estate Merlot

The Original is the fifth installment in the “Secret” Wine program - wines that we don’t advertise, send out for ratings and generally keep under the table. This single vineyard Merlot comes from the bottom of the Big K vineyard where the original (we thought at the time one and only) 1997 Mailbox Merlot came from. This block abuts the mouth of the driveway where the “real” mailboxes are. That Merlot, as well as the entire 20-acre block, was pulled after the ’97 harvest due to phylloxera and replanted to 5 new clones of Cabernet Sauvignon. After ten years of feedback from the new Cabernet clones we decided to graft the See clone, which was planted where the original Mailbox Merlot was, back to Merlot in the spring of 2011. This grafted block shows me the same deliciousness that caught my attention in ’97 so we made 50 cases of it, call it the “Original” and keep it a secret!

Michael Keenan

Wine Data

Alcohol	14.3%
Total Acidity	0.59 grams/100ml
pH:	3.71
Residual Sugar	Dry
Bottling Date:	July 19 th , 2017
Production:	50 cases
Blend:	100% Estate Merlot
Vineyard Sources:	100% Estate Merlot, Original block

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