

Keenan



Napa Valley
Spring Mountain District

2020 Keenan Cabernet Sauvignon, Clone 15, Spring Mountain District

The release of our 2020 single-vineyard, single-clone wines is upon us. These single-clone expressions of Merlot and Cabernet are historically unique for the Keenan estate. They result from the extraordinary circumstances that prevailed throughout the harvest of 2020. For those interested in the unique personality that focused, site-specific wines can express, these are the bottles for you.

2020 Cabernet Sauvignon Clone 15 and Clone 7

These two brooding beauties tasted side by side are a shining example of the contrasting complexity you can achieve from two different Cabernet clones despite being from the same vineyard.

'The Big Vineyard,' as we call it, was replanted in the late '90s and is, as the name suggests, our largest contiguous vineyard on the estate. Situated on eastern and south-eastern exposure and sitting between 1800 and 1900ft in elevation, this vineyard is primed for Cabernet.

The Clone 15 expression is seemingly more open-knit and fruitful in the nose. Showing the more typical elements of bright black cherry, graphite, and violet suggestions. The Clone 7, by contrast, is tighter and less generous on the nose. Hints of tobacco, black pepper, and a host of additional savory elements suggest a more profound story is yet to unfold over time in the cellar. This is substantiated by the contrast in texture on the palate, where Clone 7 shows significantly more structural tannin than Clone 15, which is wider, softer, and more expansive across the palate. Enjoy for decades to come!

WINE DATA:

Size:	750 ml
Vintage:	2020
Appellation:	Spring Mountain District
Wine Style:	Red Wine
Varietal:	Cabernet Sauvignon