

Keenan



Napa Valley
Spring Mountain District

2012 Mernet Reserve, Spring Mountain District

TASTING NOTES

2012 is our 14th 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 combinations. This year the blend is 50% Merlot all coming from the "Mailbox" vineyard. The Cabernet half this year is 44% Cabernet Sauvignon Clone 15 from the "Big K" vineyard and 6% Cabernet Franc from the "Upper Bowl" vineyard.

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

Cheers!

Michael Keenan

Robert M. Parker, Jr.'s, *The Wine Advocate*, Issue #215 October, 2014

94+ Points: "The 2012 Proprietary Red Blend Mernet Reserve, which is a blend of 50% Merlot, 44% Cabernet Sauvignon and 6% Cabernet Franc, may well be Michael Keenan's favorite wine. Only 500 cases were produced. Chocolatey cassis, graphite, spice box and plum are all present in this sensational blend that should age beautifully for 15-20 years, although most people will have consumed it by year ten. It is remarkable that 2012 is the fourteenth vintage that this proprietary blend has been produced, and it seems like its just yesterday I first tasted it. The color is a handsome, opaque purple. The wine is extremely impressive and still very youthful. Another one or two years of age will round it into more complex shape."

WINE DATA

Alcohol:	14.5%
Total Acidity:	0.63 grams/100 ml
pH:	3.76
Residual Sugar:	Dry
Bottling Date:	August 11, 2014
Production:	500 cases
Blend:	50% Merlot Estate "Mailbox Vineyard" 44% Cabernet Sauvignon Estate Clone 15 6% Cabernet franc Estate