

Keenan



Napa Valley
Spring Mountain District

2013 Merlot Reserve, Mailbox Vineyard, Spring Mountain District

TASTING NOTES

The Robert Keenan Winery is located in Spring Mountain District, high in the Mayacamas mountain range above the town of Saint Helena. We planted eleven acres of Merlot vines in the rocky soils surrounding the winery and we believe this mountainside vineyard produces some of the finest Merlot in all of Napa Valley. Sited above the dense layer of fog that creeps up the Napa Valley most evenings, the vineyard warms earlier in the morning and temperatures remain warm throughout the night. The combination of these warm temperatures, steep hillside vine rows, and gravelly soils promotes stress on the vines, leading to increased intensity of flavors and aromas in the finished wine.

The 2013 Merlot Reserve is made up of 95% Merlot from our Mailbox Vineyard. 5% Cabernet Franc from our Upper Bowl Vineyard has been added to brighten and deepen the unique characteristics of these high elevation vineyards. Hints of violets and a signature earthy spiciness show in the nose, a chocolaty creaminess combines with the rich dark full fruit on the palette, the finish is beautifully layered, deep, elegant and very, very long. Drink now or decades from now.

Cheers!

Michael Keenan

REVIEWS

Robert M. Parker, Jr.'s, *The Wine Advocate*, Issue #222 October, 2015

94 Points: "As for the 2013 Merlot Reserve Mailbox Vineyard, this is 95% estate Merlot and 5% estate Cabernet Franc. This shows beautiful fruit, medium to full body, more layers of concentration and interest than the basic Merlot. The wine has excellent purity, loads of black cherry and mocha notes, along with darker berry fruit. It's full-bodied, ripe and pure and at the same time never loses its sense of elegance or equilibrium. Drink it over the next 10-15 years."

WINE DATA

Alcohol:	14.3%
Total Acidity:	0.56 grams/100 ml
pH:	3.70
Residual Sugar:	Dry
Bottling Date:	July 14, 2015
Production:	400 cases
Blend:	95% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Franc
Vineyard Source:	95% Estate Merlot, Mailbox Vineyard, 5% Estate Cabernet Franc, Upper Bowl Vineyard