

Keenan



Napa Valley
Spring Mountain District

1993 Cabernet Sauvignon, Hillside Estate, Napa Valley

TASTING NOTES

The 1993 Cabernet Sauvignon begins a new era for Keenan as this is the first vintage with winemaker Nils Venge actively involved in the wine making process. Nils has aided Keenan in softening the big tannins of our mountain grown Cabernet, while retaining our rich character and full body. Our 1993 vintage shows deep raspberry fruit, layered with hints of mint, spice and tobacco; subtle oak flavors make the wine complete. The '93 Cabernet's luscious berry fruit and solid tannin structure make this wine very enjoyable now, while still retaining the ability to age well.

Our Hillside Estate Cabernet Sauvignon expresses the concentrated flavors and bouquet that are characteristic of our Spring Mountain vineyards. The wine had a minimal amount of "time on the skins"; Keenan has no problem with extraction from the intense mountain fruit. This Cabernet was aged in French oak barrels for 20 months providing a sweet oak background that integrates well with the ripe fruit characters. The wine was bottle aged for an additional 30 months, creating an exquisite balance of tannin and body..

Keenan considers this wine to be a fine accompaniment to rich, full flavored meals. The 1993 Cabernet Sauvignon was made to stand up to the boldest grilled meat entrées, but also has the complexity and spicy character to nicely compliment lighter, well seasoned food.

REVIEWS

1998 California State Fair	Silver Medal	92 points
BTI's World Wine Championships	Silver Medal	
Wine Enthusiast		89 Points
1998 San Francisco International Wine Comp.		Bronze Medal

WINE DATA

Alcohol:	13.5%
Total Acidity:	0.65 grams/100 ml
pH:	3.54
Residual Sugar:	Dry
Bottling Date:	August 18, 1995
Production:	3,100 cases
Blend:	84% Cabernet Sauvignon 5% Cabernet Franc, 8% Merlot