

Keenan



Napa Valley
Spring Mountain District

1995 Napa Valley Merlot

TASTING NOTES

The steady, high temperatures of September, 1995 allowed Keenan to harvest grapes at the peak of maturity - an occurrence that winemaker Nils Venge considers a major factor in the exceptional quality of the '95 Merlot. The grapes for the 1995 Keenan Merlot were harvested primarily from the Keenan Estate on Spring Mountain. It is these grapes that supply the '95 Merlot with its rich flavor and intense bouquet. The remainder of the Merlot grapes were harvested from select vineyards on the floor of the Napa Valley. Keenan carefully chose these vineyards' grapes to add complexity, and to soften the powerful Keenan Estate fruit..

The 1995 Merlot has been aged in French oak barrels for 18 months. Final blending was conducted before bottling, and we plan to allow seven to eight months of bottle aging before release.

REVIEWS

1998 California State Fair **Gold Medal, Best Merlot of Napa Valley**
Los Angeles County Fair
San Francisco International Wine Competition
Wine Spectator

95 Points
Silver Medal
Silver Medal
87 Points

WINE DATA

Alcohol:	13.5%
Total Acidity:	0.62 grams/100 ml
pH:	3.48
Residual Sugar:	Dry
Bottling Date:	July 10, 1997
Production:	2,500 cases
Blend:	94% Merlot, 6% Cabernet Sauvignon