

Keenan



Napa Valley
Spring Mountain District

1996 Napa Valley Chardonnay

TASTING NOTES

The 1996 Keenan Chardonnay was made from select vineyards located on the floor of the Napa Valley. Keenan continues to barrel ferment and barrel age 100% of the Chardonnay production; one-third of the oak barrels used are new French oak. Approximately one-half of the '96 vintage was aged sur-lie for five months; this contributed to the remarkable body and unique character of the wine.

Each Chardonnay vineyard that Keenan utilizes puts forth its own distinctive characteristics, and it is the combination of these characteristics that allow Keenan to create a wine of balanced complexity. Our 1996 Chardonnay opens with luscious pear and apple notes that are blended with a nice amount of vanilla and light oak. The crisp, medium bodied character of the wine is accented with hints of pineapple and citrus, and a toasty oak finish lingers pleasantly on the palate.

REVIEWS

World Wine Championship (BTI)
Wine Advocate, Robert M. Parker, Jr.
Wine Enthusiast

Silver Medal
86 Points
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WINE DATA

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| Alcohol: | 13.5% |
| Total Acidity: | 0.70 grams/100 ml |
| pH: | 3.30 |
| Residual Sugar: | Dry |
| Bottling Date: | June 18, 1997 |
| Production: | 2,300 cases |
| Blend: | 100% Chardonnays |