

Keenan



Napa Valley
Spring Mountain District

1997 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley

TASTING NOTE

The 1997 growing season provided Robert Keenan Winery with yet another stellar vintage. The Cabernet grapes were harvested at the peak of maturity, and ripe fruit flavors and aromas dominate this wine. Keenan's 1997 Cabernet Sauvignon is composed primarily of grapes grown on Spring Mountain; the remainder of the fruit was harvested from select vineyards on the floor of the Napa Valley. Keenan's winemaker, Nils Venge, carefully chose these vineyards' grapes to add complexity, and to soften the powerful Keenan Estate fruit.

The 1997 Cabernet Sauvignon has been aged in French oak barrels for 24 months. After conducting extensive blending trials, Keenan opted to leave the wine as a 100% Cabernet Sauvignon varietal (no Cabernet Franc or Merlot was added). The resulting wine shows concentrated black cherry and currant aromas, yet classic earthy Cabernet characters are noticed as the wine opens up. The rich flavors and full body are complimented by a nice amount of oak and a lingering toasty finish.

REVIEW

2000 Los Angeles County Fair, Limited Production Category
Global Vintage Quarterly
Wine Enthusiast Magazine
Wine Advocate, Robert M. Parker, Jr.

Gold Medal
94 Points
92 Points
87 points

WINE DATA

Alcohol:	13.5%
Total Acidity:	0.56 grams/100 ml
pH:	3.60
Residual Sugar:	Dry
Bottling Date:	December 3, 1999
Production:	2,300 cases
Blend:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon