

1999 Napa Valley Cabernet Franc

TASTING NOTES

After a nine year absence, Keenan has once again bottled a 100% Cabernet Franc varietal from the 1999 vintage. The grapes were purchased from a vineyard in the Mount Veeder district of the Napa Valley with the intention of blending the wine into Keenan's Cabernet Sauvignon or Merlot. But after tasting the wine we couldn't resist bottling a small amount on its own (less than 100 cases).

The 1999 Cabernet Franc was aged in 50% new French and American oak barrels for eighteen months. The finished wine now shows deep rich flavors with intense ripe black cherry and plum aromas. Hints of earth and slight herbaceous notes add complexity as the wine "opens up". This wine has wonderful structure and will age for at least another 5 to 7 years..

WINE DATA

Alcohol: 13.5%

Total Acidity: 0.62 grams/100 ml

pH: 3.51 Residual Sugar: Dry

Bottling Date: MAugust 21, 2002

Production: 96 cases

Blend: 100% Cabernet franc