

Keenan



Napa Valley  
Spring Mountain District

## 2015 Merlot Reserve, Mailbox Vineyard, Spring Mountain District

### TASTING NOTES

The Robert Keenan Winery is located in Spring Mountain District, high in the Mayacamas mountain range above the town of Saint Helena. We planted eleven acres of Merlot vines in the rocky soils surrounding the winery and we believe this mountainside vineyard produces some of the finest Merlot in all of Napa Valley. Sited above the dense layer of fog that creeps up the Napa Valley most evenings, the vineyard warms earlier in the morning and temperatures remain warm throughout the night. The combination of these warm temperatures, steep hillside vine rows, and gravelly soils promotes stress on the vines, leading to increased intensity of flavors and aromas in the finished wine.

For the thirteenth consecutive year the rechristened "Mailbox" vineyard has been chosen as the source for the Reserve Merlot bottling. Hints of violets and a signature earthy spiciness show in the nose, a chocolaty creaminess combines with the rich dark full fruit on the palette, the finish is beautifully layered, deep, elegant and very, very long. Drink now or decades from now. .

Cheers!

Michael Keenan

### REVIEWS

**Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*, March 2018**

**95 Points:** "The 2015 Merlot Reserve Mailbox Vineyard is fabulous. Deep, rich and exquisitely layered, the 2015 is all class. There is a level of translucence in the 2015 that is captivating. At the same time, the wine possesses striking persistence and delineation. Dark cherry, sweet tobacco and floral notes that add lift through to the finish. The Mailbox is one of the most compelling Merlots being made in Napa Valley. Don't miss it."

Robert M. Parker, Jr.'s, *The Wine Advocate*, Issue #222 October, 2017

**92 Points:** "Medium to deep garnet-purple colored, scented of fresh plums and mulberries with delicate exotic spice and potpourri nuances plus a waft of underbrush, the 2015 Merlot Mailbox Vineyard Spring Mountain Reserve is full-bodied with good intensity of fruit and chewy tannins in the mouth, with a long, earthy finish"

### WINE DATA

<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.5%
<b>Total Acidity:</b>	0.60 grams/100 ml
<b>pH:</b>	3.62
<b>Residual Sugar:</b>	Dry
<b>Bottling Date:</b>	July 19, 2017
<b>Production:</b>	300 cases
<b>Blend:</b>	100% Merlot,
<b>Vineyard Source:</b>	100% Estate Merlot, Mailbox Vineyard,