



Napa Valley
Spring Mountain District

2016 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 fourteenth 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*, December 2018

92 Points: ""The 2016 Merlot Reserve Mailbox Vineyard is powerful, deep and resonant, and yet also retains a striking sense of classicism in its structural feel. Savory and floral notes add aromatic intrigue to this deceptively medium-bodied wine. Graphite, mint, lavender and black cherry are some of the many notes that develop as the 2016 opens up in the glass.""

earthy finish"

WINE DATA

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