

Keenan



Napa Valley  
Spring Mountain District

## 2016 Mernet Reserve, Spring Mountain District

### TASTING NOTES

2016 is our 18th consecutive vintage of "Mernet" (mare-nay) our proprietary marriage of Merlot and Cabernet. This year the blend is 50% Merlot and 50% Cabernet Sauvignon Clone 7 both varieties grown in our "Upper Bowl" vineyard. The resulting wine is a seamless blend with an emphasis on high-toned sweet delicious rich fruit with an almost hidden depth and structure. Enjoy now or decades from now.

Cheers!  
Michael Keenan

### REVIEWS

Antonio Galloni, *Vinous*, March 2018

**95 Points** "Blended of 50% Merlot and 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, the deep garnet-purple colored 2016 Mernet Reserve is scented of baked plums, blueberries, black cherries, earth and tobacco with pepper and herbs hints. The medium to full-bodied palate is very firm, chewy and muscular, finishing earthy."

Robert M. Parker, Jr.'s, *The Wine Advocate*, Issue #233 October, 2017

**90+ Points:** "Blended of 50% Merlot and 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, the medium to deep garnet-purple colored 2015 Mernet Reserve opens with a meaty/earthy nose and a core of black cherries, red currants and mulberries plus pencil lead and bay leaves suggestions. Rich and concentrated, with firm tannins in the medium to full-bodied mouth, it's packed with fruit and finishes long and earthy"

### WINE DATA

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| <b>Alcohol:</b>        | 14.3%  |
| <b>Total Acidity:</b>  | 0.5 grams/100 ml   |
| <b>pH:</b>             | 3.75   |
| <b>Residual Sugar:</b> | Dry  |
| <b>Bottling Date:</b>  | August 21, 2018  |
| <b>Production:</b>     | 400 cases  |
| <b>Blend:</b>          | 50% Merlot Estate Upper Bowl<br>50% Cabernet Sauvignon Estate Clone 7,<br>Upper Bowl |