



Robert Keenan Winery

1996 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

The intense flavor and bouquet of Keenan's 1996 Cabernet exemplify the characteristics of mountain grown grapes. Our 1996 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 carefully chose these vineyards' grapes to add complexity, and to soften the powerful Keenan Estate fruit.

The 1996 Cabernet Sauvignon has been aged in French oak barrels for 20 months, and small amounts of Merlot and Cabernet Franc were added before bottling. Due to its big, rich character the wine was allowed to age for two and a half years in bottle before release. The resulting wine is comprised of concentrated black cherry and currant aromas, yet notes of coffee and spice 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.

Reviews:

2001 Jerry Mead's New World Wine Competition **Silver Medal**

Robert M. Parker, Jr., Wine Advocate: 88 Points

"The dense purple colored 1996 Cabernet Sauvignon possesses copious quantities of jammy black currant fruit, earth, and smoke in its moderately intense aromatics. Medium to full-bodied, concentrated, spicy, and mouthfilling. I would not be surprised to see more nuances emerge as this wine evolves. It will be accessible when released, and capable of lasting 10-15 years."

Wine Data:

Alcohol: 13.5%
Total Acidity: 0.62 grams/100 mL
pH: 3.48
Residual Sugar: Dry
Bottling Date: August 20, 1998
Production: 2,294 Cases
Blend: 92% Cabernet Sauvignon,
5% Merlot, & 3% Cabernet Franc