



Robert Keenan Winery

2000 Reserve Merlot Spring Mountain District

While conducting blending trials for the 2000 Napa Valley Merlot, one lot of estate Merlot was found to possess even more extraction and intensity than the other 2000's. Consequently a portion of the lot was set aside and designated a reserve wine. Additional trials were conducted in order to determine if the wine could be further enhanced. As a result ten percent estate Cabernet Sauvignon was added in order to supply complexity and depth and fifteen percent Merlot from the Napa Carneros region provides additional ripe fruit nuances.

The 2000 Merlot Reserve is a bold, full-bodied wine. Ripe black cherry and roast coffee bean show gracefully in the nose and hints of toasty oak are exhibited on the finish. Soft and round, this wine is delicious right now, but has the structure to age for many years to come.

Reviews:

Robert M. Parker, Jr.'s

The Wine Advocate

"From their Spring Mountain vineyard, the 2000 Merlot Reserve is tightly-structured, dense as well as elegant, revealing notes of charcoal, black cherries, and currants. Medium-bodied and stylish, with an understated personality."

89 Points

Wine Data:

Alcohol: 13.5%
Total Acidity: 0.61 grams/100 mL
pH: 3.50
Residual Sugar: Dry
Bottling Date: January 28, 20023
Production: 276 Cases
Blend: 90% Merlot, 10% Cabernet