



Robert Keenan Winery

2000 Napa Valley Mernet Reserve

Blending trials for Keenan's 2000 proprietary red blend, Mernet, began in June of 2002, with separate lots of 2000 Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot; it didn't take long to decide upon the two lots that fit together. The favored Cabernet Sauvignon was produced from grapes grown in Oak Knoll and Pope Valley regions of the Napa Valley, and shows immense structure, dark inky hues, and complex, robust flavors. The Merlot was grown in the Napa Carneros region and supplies soft velvety texture with concentrated ripe berry nuances in the nose.

This marriage of two varietals is deemed "Mernet" (Mare-nay) by winery president, Michael Keenan. The name stems from the two facets of the blend - Mer(lot) and (Caber)net, with each wine supplying what the other may have lacked.

The finished wine is a beautifully balanced, full-bodied red wine, that will radiate impressive flavors and aromas for many years to come.

Reviews:

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"The dark scent of fig predicts the depth and length of fruit flavor in this gentle wine. A blend of merlot and cabernet, the ripeness almost reaches raisin, but the main elements are more in the fig and date range. And there's a bright red edge to keep it fresh. Sweet and warm, this is ready for filet mignon." 90 Points

Wine Data:

Alcohol:	13.5%
Total Acidity:	0.61 grams/100 ml
pH:	3.44
Aging Regimen:	60% New French and American oak barrels. 28 months in the barrel
Bottling Date:	January 28, 2003
Production:	274 cases