



Robert Keenan Winery

2001 Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley, Spring Mountain District Reserve

2001 marks the first vintage in which Keenan has ever produced a "Reserve" Cabernet Sauvignon. The idea behind the Reserve Cabernet is to make a big, powerful Cabernet Sauvignon from the Keenan Estate that will be worthy of aging, yet balanced in structure and finesse.

The 2001 vintage supplied plenty of spectacular Cabernet. It was an early harvest and grapes ripened to full maturity without difficulty. After hand harvesting, the grapes were de-stemmed, then fermented in stainless steel tanks for six to ten days. The wines were aged in fifty percent new French and American oak barrels for twenty months.

Blending trials for the 2001 red wines began in March of 2003. A composite trial blend of five different Cabernet clones from the Estate showed ripe fruit characters, mouth-filling richness and exceptional structure. Consequently the blend was set aside and designated a reserve lot. The trials continued and it was decided that fifteen percent Merlot would enhance the Cabernet Sauvignon blend.

The finished wine is an immense, full bodied Cabernet Sauvignon. Enjoy this wine with a rich meal, or allow it to slowly evolve over the next twenty years.

Reviews: Robert M. Parker Jr.

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"...the spectacular 2001 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve Spring Mountain, another limited cuvee of less than 300 cases made completely from Keenan's Spring Mountain estate. An inky saturated purple color is accompanied by aromas of creosote, crème de cassis, melted licorice, espresso, and toast. It boasts fabulous richness along with a big, rich, medium to full-bodied personality without a lot of weight or astringent tannin. The finish lasts for 35-40 seconds. Give it 3-4 years of cellaring; it should last for two decades."

Wine Data:

Alcohol: 14.3%
Total Acidity: 0.58 grams/100 mL
pH: 3.56
Residual Sugar: Dry
Bottling Date: August 18, 2003
Production: 279 Cases
Blend: 85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot