The 2002 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve is composed primarily of fruit grown on Keenan's Spring Mountain District Estate. Ninety-five percent of this wine is composed of estate grown Clone 7 Cabernet Sauvignon. Of the five different estate clones to choose from, we chose Clone 7, feeling it best showcased the "soul" of the 2002 vintage. The Clone 7 shows the most dynamic expression; beautifully described red berry fruit coupled with elegant, understated mountain power. To balance the blend, five percent Merlot from the Napa Carneros district was added.

The Clone 7 Cabernet was harvested on October 7th. A heat spike in early October of 2002 prompted Keenan's Cabernet to quickly ripen to full maturity. After hand harvesting, the fruit was de-stemmed then inoculated with Montrachet yeast. Once fermented the wine was barrel aged in French and American oak for twenty months.

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"2002 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve exhibits a saturated purple color, and a big, sweet nose of blackberries, black currants, earth, and smoky oak. Impressively endowed, well structured, with high but well-integrated tannin, decent acidity, and a long finish, it requires 2-3 years of bottle-age. It should evolve for 15-20 years."

**Wine Data:**

- Alcohol: ......................... 14.3%
- Total Acidity: .................... 0.58 grams/100 mL
- pH: .............................. 3.68
- Residual Sugar: .................. Dry
- Bottling Date: .................... August 16, 2004
- Production: ........................ 280 Cases
- Blend: ............................ 95% Cabernet Sauvignon Estate, 5% Merlot
  ............................ Carneros Napa Valley