



Robert Keenan

2002 Zinfandel, Napa Valley

The 2002 Zinfandel is a blend of ninety percent Zinfandel and ten percent Merlot. The majority and the Zinfandel grapes were grown in Chiles Valley, a remote area in the eastern Napa appellation known for producing wonderfully concentrated and heavily extracted Zinfandel's. The remainder of the Zinfandel was grown on Keenan's hillside estate in the Spring Mountain District. In order to supply some additional structure and ripe fruit character, ten percent Merlot from the Keenan's "Upper" Merlot block was added to the blend.

Once harvested, the grapes were de-stemmed then fermented in small lots. Primary fermentation lasted seven to ten days. The wine was aged in fifty-percent new French and American oak barrels for nineteen months.

The finished wine shows intense black cherry and raspberry fruit in the nose, and hints of black pepper and vanilla add complexity. This is a rich, full-bodied Zinfandel that will accompany a wide array of foods, but we suggest anything barbecued - smoky barbecued flavor is a great match for the Keenan Zinfandel.

Wine Data:

Alcohol:	14.3%
Total Acidity:	0.60 grams/100 mL
pH:	3.52
Residual Sugar:	Dry
Bottling Date:	July 7, 2004
Production:	209 Cases
Blend:	90% Zinfandel, 10% Merlot
Vinyard Sources:	68% Chiles Valley Zinfandel
	22% Estate Spring Mtn. District Zinfandel
	10% Estate Spring Mtn. District Merlot