



## *Robert Keenan Winery*

### **2003 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve Napa Valley, Spring Mountain District**

The 2003 Cabernet vintage seemed to organize itself in a precocious manner, letting us know quite early that it would be worthy of providing a "Reserve" Cabernet Sauvignon for the third vintage in a row. However the final blend, 75% clone 15 Cabernet Sauvignon and 25% clone 4 Cabernet Sauvignon, both from the "Big K" vineyard, seemingly took months to reveal itself. 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 destemmed then inoculated with Montrachet yeast. Once fermented the wine was barrel aged in French and American oak for twenty months.

The clone 15 provided classic Spring Mountain District elements of earthiness, immense structure, and depth while the clone 4 added just the right amount of richness to round out the blend.

This is a wine that has enough rich young fruit and well-textured tannins to enjoy young, or for those with patience, this is a classically structured and balanced wine that will age for years.

**Reviews:** Robert M. Parker Jr.

### **Wine Advocate**

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**"Notes of graphite, blackberries, blueberries, and cassis emerge from the 2003 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve along with underlying sweet earthiness and licorice. It possesses exceptional elegance, a flowery, fragrant bouquet, and gorgeously long, concentrated, intense flavors. Drink this beauty over the next 15 years."**

### **Wine Data:**

Alcohol: . . . . . 14.3%  
Total Acidity: . . . . . 0.58 grams/100 mL  
pH: . . . . . 3.62  
Residual Sugar: . . . . . Dry  
Bottling Date: . . . . . August 23, 2005  
Production: . . . . . 280 Cases  
Blend: . . . . . 100% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon