

Keenan



Napa Valley  
Spring Mountain District

## 2006 Mernet Reserve Napa Valley, Spring Mountain District, 30th Anniversary

### TASTING NOTES

2006 is our 8th consecutive vintage of "Mernet" (mare-nay) our proprietary marriage of Merlot and Cabernet. Each blend has been half Merlot and half Cabernet but no two wines have had the same vineyard combination. This year the Merlot half is from the "Mailbox Vineyard" and the Cabernet half is equally split between estate Cabernet Sauvignon (clone 15) and estate Cabernet Franc. The resulting wine is a seamless blend of the three varietals with an emphasis on high-toned sweet, delicious rich fruit with an almost hidden depth and structure to allow for indefinite aging. Enjoy now or decades from now.

Cheers!

Michael Keenan

### REVIEWS

Robert M. Parker, Jr.'s, *The Wine Advocate*, Issue # 180 December 31, 2008

**96 Points** "An outrageous wine is the 2006 Mernet Reserve, a 350-case blend of 50% Merlot, 25% Cabernet Franc, and 25% Cabernet Sauvignon. This is a Spring Mountain version of the famed Bordeaux St.-Emilion, Cheval Blanc. Sweet, rich aromas of subtle menthol, roasted herbs, black currants, black cherries, licorice and lavender emerge from this fragrant wine. It hits the palate with substantial flavors, but the overall impression is one of grace and elegance. A Super rich, long, gorgeous example of Spring Mountain fruit, this 2006 is intense in flavor, but light on its feet. Enjoy it over the next 20 years"

### WINE DATA

<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.3%
<b>Total Acidity:</b>	0.57 grams/100 ml
<b>pH:</b>	3.73
<b>Residual Sugar:</b>	Dry
<b>Bottling Date:</b>	August 13, 2008
<b>Production:</b>	350 cases
<b>Blend:</b>	50% Merlot Estate "Mailbox Vineyard", 25% Cabernet Franc Estate, 25% Cabernet Sauvignon Estate Clone 15