

Keenan



Napa Valley
Spring Mountain District

2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve Napa Valley, Spring Mountain District

TASTING NOTES

2008 marks the 32nd vintage for the Robert Keenan Winery and the 8th consecutive vintage of "Reserve" Cabernet Sauvignon. The five new Cabernet clones that were planted as bench grafts in the spring of '98 are now showing their individual characteristics, and the vineyard now in its' eleventh year has hit full maturity. A combination of 80% Clone 7 Cabernet Sauvignon and 20% Cabernet Franc was chosen for this 100% Estate Spring Mountain cuvee of just 270 cases. Freak spring frost and inclement weather during set led to much lower yields. What was lost in quantity was gained in quality as this blend shows wonderful floral perfume in the nose followed by an amazingly seamless, rich, deep, sweet earthy palate with a finish that just goes and goes. Enjoy now or decades from now.

Cheers!
Michael Keenan

REVIEWS

Robert M. Parker, Jr.'s, *The Wine Advocate*, Issue #192 December, 2010

97 Points "A more limited production offering, the 2008 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve is composed of 80% estate Cabernet Sauvignon and 20% estate Cabernet Franc. Sadly, only 270 cases were produced. Possibly one of the finest wines Michael Keenan has yet made, it has just about everything one could desire in a Cabernet Sauvignon, including good minerality, floral, red, black and blue fruit notes, great equilibrium, stunning concentration and length, and an overall sense of purity and personality. In short, it possesses soul and delivers the goods. Approachable now, it should continue to drink well for 20-25 years."

WINE DATA

Alcohol:	14.3%
Total Acidity:	0.59 grams/100 ml
pH:	3.69
Residual Sugar:	Dry
Bottling Date:	August 18, 2010
Production:	270 cases
Blend:	80% Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 20% Estate Cabernet Franc
Vineyard Sources	100% Estate