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Napa Valley
Spring Mountain District

2008 Merlot Reserve, Mailbox Vineyard, Spring Mountain District

TASTING NOTES

For the fifth consecutive year the recently rechristened "Mailbox" vineyard has been chosen as the source for the Reserve Merlot bottling. Hints of violets and a signature spiciness show in the nose, a chocolaty creaminess combines with the rich dark full fruit on the palette, and the finish is beautifully layered, deep, elegant and very, very long. Drink now or decades from now.

Cheers!

Michael Keenan

REVIEWS

Robert M. Parker, Jr.'s, *The Wine Advocate*, Issue # 192 December 23, 2010

94 Points "The opaque ruby/purple-hued 2008 Merlot Reserve Mailbox Vineyard (100% Merlot) is a stunning 350-case cuvee that competes with some of the finest Merlots made in Napa Valley. Almost crunchy, this juicy wine has vivid minerality, lots of sweet boysenberry and berry fruit intermixed with flowers, white chocolate and spice characteristics. Medium to full-bodied, substantial, elegant and pure, this beauty should be enjoyed over the next 10-15 years."

WINE DATA

Alcohol:	14.3%
Total Acidity:	0.56 grams/100 ml
pH:	3.65
Residual Sugar:	Dry
Bottling Date:	August 18, 2010
Production:	350 cases
Blend:	100% Merlot
Vineyard Source:	100% Estate Merlot "Mailbox Vineyard"