

Keenan



Napa Valley
Spring Mountain District

2009 Mernet Reserve, Spring Mountain District

TASTING NOTES

2009 is our 11th 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 combinations. This year the blend is 50% Mailbox Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon clone 15 and 10% 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 # 198 December 23, 2011

93 Points "The 2009 Mernet Reserve is a blend of 50% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Cabernet Franc. It is one of the richer, deeper wines in this lineup. Dark fruit, licorice and tar emerge from the glass in this voluptuous red. The Mernet Reserve is made in a more forward style that emphasizes fruit rather than aromatic complexity or subtlety. Anticipated maturity: 2012-2019."

WINE DATA

Alcohol:	14.8%
Total Acidity:	0.58 grams/100 ml
pH:	3.83
Residual Sugar:	Dry
Bottling Date:	August 18, 2011
Production:	500 cases
Blend:	50% Merlot Estate "Mailbox Vineyard" 40% Cabernet Sauvignon Estate Clone 7 10% Cabernet Franc Estate