

Keenan



Napa Valley
Spring Mountain District

2011 Napa Valley Merlot, Carneros

TASTING NOTES

Keenan has purchased Merlot grapes from the Napa Carneros district for many years. The "Carneros" is the southern region of Napa closest to the San Pablo Bay and is known for producing high quality Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Merlot. Merlot grown in the Carneros tends to be very fruity and soft with distinctive spicy nuances.

Keenan began purchasing Merlot from the Carneros to blend with the estate Merlot grown on Spring Mountain. The two wines are a great match; the Carneros Merlot softens the dense, powerful wines produced from the estate grown fruit. But, in 1999 we were so happy with the quality and distinctiveness of our Carneros Merlot, we decided to bottle a small amount on its own. We continue to bottle a few hundred cases of Carneros Merlot most years.

The 2011 Carneros Merlot shows jammy blackberry and raspberry aromas. Nuances of spice and cocoa emerge as the wine opens up. Silky mouth-feel and well-balanced structure allow it to show wonderfully with a variety of well seasoned dishes.

WINE DATA

Alcohol:	13.9%
Total Acidity:	0.58 grams/100 ml
pH:	3.56
Residual Sugar:	Dry
Bottling Date:	May 9, 2013
Production:	495 cases
Blend:	100% Merlot, Napa Carneros