

Keenan



Napa Valley
Spring Mountain District

2011 Merlot Reserve, Mailbox Vineyard, Spring Mountain District

TASTING NOTES

The Robert Keenan Winery is located in Spring Mountain District, high in the Mayacamas mountain range above the town of Saint Helena. We planted eleven acres of Merlot vines in the rocky soils surrounding the winery and we believe this mountainside vineyard produces some of the finest Merlot in all of Napa Valley. Sited above the dense layer of fog that creeps up the Napa Valley most evenings, the vineyard warms earlier in the morning and temperatures remain warm throughout the night. The combination of these warm temperatures, steep hillside vine rows, and gravelly soils promotes stress on the vines, leading to increased intensity of flavors and aromas in the finished wine.

2011 marks the 9th consecutive year our Mailbox Vineyard has been selected as the source for the Keenan Reserve Merlot bottling. Situated on steeply terraced rows directly beneath the winery, the three-acre block produces exceptionally rich, deeply flavored fruit. 100% Merlot, the resulting wine offers hints of violets and the Mailbox Vineyard's signature earthy spiciness in the nose. A chocolaty creaminess combines with the rich dark full fruit on the palate, and the finish is beautifully layered, deep, elegant, and extremely long. Truly long-lived, this wine can be enjoyed today or cellared to enjoy decades from now.

Cheers!

Michael Keenan

REVIEWS

Robert M. Parker, Jr.'s, *The Wine Advocate*, Issue #209 December, 2013

"The limited production 2011 Merlot Reserve Mailbox Vineyard exhibits more coffee and sweet cherry fruit notes as well as more fat and flesh, ...charming, fruit-forward wine that is pure seduction. Drink it over the next 5-6 years."

WINE DATA

Alcohol:	14.3%
Total Acidity:	0.57 grams/100 ml
pH:	3.68
Residual Sugar:	Dry
Bottling Date:	August 8, 2013
Production:	200 cases
Blend:	100% Merlot
Vineyard Source:	100% Estate Merlot, Mailbox Vineyard