

Keenan



Napa Valley
Spring Mountain District

2011 Mernet Reserve, Spring Mountain District

TASTING NOTES

2011 is our 13th 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% Merlot all coming from the "Mailbox" vineyard. The Cabernet half this year is 25% Cabernet Sauvignon Clone 337 from the "Big K" vineyard and 25% Cabernet Sauvignon Clone 7 from the "Upper Bowl" vineyard.

The resulting wine is a seamless blend of the two varietals with an emphasis on high-toned sweet delicious rich fruit with an almost hidden depth and structure. Enjoy now or decades from now.

Cheers!
Michael Keenan

REVIEWS

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

"The 2011 Mernet Reserve is an equal part blend of Estate Merlot and Estate Cabernet Sauvignon. Overall, this cuvee is tighter and more restrained, requiring more coaxing than its older sibling. The dark plum/ruby/purple color is accompanied by aromas of espresso, black currants, licorice and underbrush."

WINE DATA

Alcohol:	14.3%
Total Acidity:	0.58 grams/100 ml
pH:	3.75
Residual Sugar:	Dry
Bottling Date:	August 8, 2013
Production:	300 cases
Blend:	50% Merlot Estate "Mailbox Vineyard" 25% Cabernet Sauvignon Estate Clone 337 25% Cabernet Sauvignon Estate Clone 7