

Keenan



Napa Valley  
Spring Mountain District

## 2009 Merlot Reserve, Mailbox Vineyard, Spring Mountain District

### TASTING NOTES

For the seventh 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 # 204 December, 2012

**92 Points** "Sweet, dark cherries, tobacco, flowers and leather all come to life in the 2009 Merlot Reserve Mailbox Vineyard. The 2009 is a terrific wine with plenty of mid-palate pliancy and depth, although it can't match the energy or vibrancy of the 2010, unfair as that comparison may be. The 2009 Reserve should enjoy a fairly wide and long drinking window. Anticipated maturity: 2015-2029."

### WINE DATA

<b>Alcohol:</b>	14.8%
<b>Total Acidity:</b>	0.57 grams/100 ml
<b>pH:</b>	3.75
<b>Residual Sugar:</b>	Dry
<b>Bottling Date:</b>	July 14, 2011
<b>Production:</b>	400 cases
<b>Blend:</b>	100% Merlot
<b>Vineyard Source:</b>	100% Estate Merlot, Mailbox Vineyard