



2007 Robert Keenan Merlot Mailbox Vineyard Spring Mountain Reserve

A Merlot Dry Red Table wine from Napa, North Coast, California, USA

Review by Robert Parker

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Rating: 92+

Drink 2009 - 2034

Cost: \$64

The 2007 Merlot Reserve Mailbox Vineyard (350 cases of 100% Merlot) is one of the most backward, tannic, structured Merlots from Napa Valley. That said, this opaque purple-hued wine reveals hints of tremendous richness and intensity as well as abundant notes of cocoa, chocolate, wood spice, and red and black fruits. The tannins kick in at the end, and the wine seems atypically structured and accessible for a Merlot, but it is locked and loaded. Most Merlot lovers will probably find it too backward and inaccessible at present, but after 4-5 years of cellaring, it should turn out to be a fascinating example of Merlot from Spring Mountain. It, too, should evolve for 25+ years. As I have written in the past, Michael Keenan has done a fabulous job of ratcheting up the quality of the wines from this Spring Mountain estate. Some of the finest wines of Napa Valley are emerging from Robert Keenan Winery. Tel. (707) 963-9177; Fax (707) 963-8209
