



**2015 KEEVER Vineyards Merlot
Napa Valley**



<i>Release Date</i>	July 2018 – 77 Cases
<i>Release Price</i>	\$65
<i>Bottling Date</i>	March 10, 2017
<i>Appellation</i>	Napa Valley
<i>Winemaking Team</i>	Bill and Olga KEEVER, Vintners Celia Welch, Winemaker
<i>Varietal Composition</i>	99% Merlot & 1% Malbec
<i>Alcohol</i>	14.7% alcohol
<i>Cooperage</i>	French Oak Barrels (33% new)

Tasting Notes

Dark cherries, ripe cassis, tobacco and forest floor notes all combine in this lovely, fully ripe, richly textured Merlot. Base notes of toasty vanilla and French oak, with just a faint hint of cigar smoke, add to the complexity in the palate impression as the fresh red fruit notes build. Texturally the wine presents at entry with broad, slightly gravelly tannins, holding their density throughout the mid-palate and intertwining with the cherry and ripe raspberry notes at the finish. This completely dry wine offers a lovely sense of balance now and will gain complexity and richness with four to seven years of additional time in the bottle. 77 cases produced. – Celia Welch