

CARDINALE

2016

NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

“With every vintage I strive to find the balance points across an artist’s palette of appellations and vineyards and the flavors that define them. This is the promise of Cardinale—a wine that delivers a unique signature and expression that is defined and driven by the vintage rather than any singular vineyard. Despite past experiences with each of these vineyard sites year after year, I never know the final array of vineyards that will ultimately make up the blend that is Cardinale until it is all said and done. That is the hedonistic pleasure, the creative expression and the joy of discovery that I hope to share with the Cardinale drinker. The 2016 is a mélange of blackberry, dark cherry, blueberry pie, mocha, slate, graphite, and toasted vanilla that will awaken you to the incredible vintage that was and is 2016.”

- CHRISTOPHER CARPENTER, WINEMAKER

WINE STATISTICS

APPELLATION: 100% Napa Valley
COMPOSITION: 89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot
BARREL AGING: 20 months in 100% French oak, 93% new
ALCOHOL: 14.5%
FINISHING: Unfined and Unfiltered

VINEYARD	Wurtele	Yverdon	W.S. Keyes	La Jota	Wallis	Andrew Geoffrey	Veeder Peak	Mt. Brave	W.S. Keyes	Van Z	Spring Mountain
APPELLATION	Spring Mountain District	Spring Mountain District	Howell Mountain	Howell Mountain	Diamond Mountain District	Diamond Mountain District	Mount Veeder	Mount Veeder	Howell Mountain	St. Helena	Spring Mountain District
ELEVATION	1,000 ft.	2,100 ft.	1,825 ft.	1,800 ft.	1,500 ft.	1,850 ft.	1,800 ft.	1,700 ft.	1,825 ft.	150 ft.	1,800 ft.
SOIL	volcanic loam	volcanic loam	white & red volcanic rocky loam	rhyolitic tuff, iron clay, volcanic rock	volcanic loam	volcanic loam	gravelly loam, black soils	gravelly loam, black soils	white & red volcanic rocky loam	gravelly loam	volcanic loam
VARIETY	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Merlot	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon
% CONTRIBUTION	33.25%	19%	11%	8%	7%	5.5%	5%	4%	3.25%	2.5%	1.5%
CONTRIBUTION TO THE BLEND	fine tannins, floral, red fruit	fine tannins, floral, red fruit	dark fruit, herb, weight	dark fruit, herb, weight	sweet, middle, some red	dark cherry, broad tannin	blue fruit, length, backbone	blue fruit, length, backbone	dark fruit, herb, weight	middle, red/dark, lush	fine tannins, floral, red fruit

97 POINTS

“The deep garnet-purple colored 2016 Proprietary Red Wine is blended of 89% Cabernet Sauvignon and 11% Merlot. It opens with compelling chocolate box and licorice scents over a core of black and red currants, warm plums and baking spices with hints of cedar chest and pencil lead. The palate is full bodied with layers of cassis and kirsch flavors framed by firm, grainy tannins and fabulous freshness, finishing long and spicy.”

- LISA PERROTTI-BROWN, *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, OCTOBER 2018