

CARDINALE

2006

NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

“The expansive aromas come from Mount Veeder's dark fruit and minerality, and Howell Mountain's freshly-brewed French roast and a hint of Stags Leap cassis. The palate conveys the floral tones of Spring Mountain, the lushness of Oakville's To Kalon and the backbone of Mount Veeder.”

- CHRISTOPHER CARPENTER, WINEMAKER

WINE STATISTICS

APPELLATION: 100% Napa Valley
COMPOSITION: 86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot
BARREL AGING: 19 months in 100% French oak, 100% new
ALCOHOL: 14.8%

VINEYARD	Veeder Peak	W.S. Keyes	To Kalon	Taylor	Spring Mountain Vineyard	Van Z
APPELLATION	Mount Veeder	Howell Mountain	Oakville	Stags Leap	Spring Mountain	St. Helena
ELEVATION	1,800 feet	1,825 feet	150 feet	135 feet	1,800 feet	150 feet
SOIL	gravelly loam, black soils	white & red volcanic rocky loam	gravelly loam	gravelly loam	volcanic loam	gravelly loam
VARIETY	Cabernet Sauvignon	Merlot & Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon
% CONTRIBUTION	38.1%	19%	7.5%	7.4%	10.6%	17.4%
CONTRIBUTION TO THE BLEND	blue fruit, length, backbone	dark fruit, herb, weight	dark fruit, herb, opulence	red fruit, sweet, spice, soft tannin	minerality, smokiness length, cassis	middle palate, chocolate, crème

94+ POINTS

“A sumptuous bouquet of cedarwood, black cherries, black currants, licorice, and wet rocks/crushed stones give way to a broad, opulent, fleshy wine offering sweet tannin, abundant quantities of sexy, ripe fruit, a full-bodied, layered mouthfeel, and a velvety finish. This is an atypically sumptuous 2006 that should drink well for 15-20 years. Kudos to winemaker Christopher Carpenter for this brilliant effort.” - ROBERT M. PARKER, JR., *The WineAdvocate*, DECEMBER 2008