

CARDINALE

2012

NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

“Every sub-appellation gave us beautiful fruit, beyond expectation. Blackberry, shale, hints of earth, currant, Asian spice and mountain minerality, reside alongside a breadth of structural tannins and weight from the concentration of fruit.”

- CHRISTOPHER CARPENTER, WINEMAKER

WINE STATISTICS

APPELLATION: 100% Napa Valley
COMPOSITION: 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Merlot
BARREL AGING: 20 months in 100% French oak, 94% new
ALCOHOL: 14.5%

VINEYARD	Veeder Peak	W.S. Keyes	La Jota	Clos Du Val	Spring Mountain Vineyard	Van Z	Domaine Chandon	Andrew Geoffrey
APPELLATION	Mount Veeder	Howell Mountain	Howell Mountain	Stags Leap	Spring Mountain District	St. Helena	Yountville	Diamond Mountain District
ELEVATION	1,800 feet	1,825 feet	1,800 feet	65 to 85 feet	1,800 feet	150 feet	100 feet	1,850 feet
SOIL	gravelly loam, black soils	white & red volcanic rocky loam	rhyolitic tuff, iron clay, volcanic rock	haire loam, bale clay loam	volcanic loam	gravelly loam	gravelly slit loams & alluvial, sedimentary	volcanic loam
VARIETY	Cabernet Sauvignon	Merlot & Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon
% CONTRIBUTION	37%	16%	12%	11%	7%	7%	5%	5%
CONTRIBUTION TO THE BLEND	blue fruit, length, backbone	dark fruit, herb, weight	dark fruit, herb, weight	sweet red, middle, fine tannin	fine tannins, floral, red fruit	middle, red/dark, lush	ripe strawberry, cassis, fine tannins	dark cherry, broad tannin

98 POINTS

“The 2012’s final blend was 84% Cabernet Sauvignon and 16% Merlot with 94% new French oak used. Terroirists undoubtedly lament the fact that nine different vineyards and seven different appellations were utilized, but the resulting wine is prodigious. A dense purple color is accompanied by notes of graphite, blackberries, blackcurrants, roasted coffee, vanillin, baking spices and forest floor. With enormous complexity and richness as well as full-bodied power and voluptuousness, it is a wine of exceptional purity, intensity, and well-integrated acidity, alcohol, tannin and wood. This seamless, majestic Napa Cabernet Sauvignon-dominated 2012 should drink well for two decades.” - ROBERT M. PARKER, JR., *The Wine Advocate*, OCTOBER 2014