

CARDINALE

2015

NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

“The film “The Magnificent Seven” is a classic cowboy western story of desperate town folk and reluctant hero(s). What brings the film alive is the unique range of different characters and personalities, portrayed by some of the best acting talent in the industry. Whether you’re watching Yul Brynner, James Coburn and Steve McQueen in the original, or Denzel Washington, Chris Pratt and Ethan Hawke in the recent version, the result is the same—a dynamic combination of masterful individual performances and classic storyline archetypes that keeps the audience engaged throughout.

Cardinale offers the same winning combination in vinous form: a brilliant ensemble of celebrated Napa Valley vineyards (Veeder Peak, W.S. Keyes, Yverdon, Van Z), where each brings its own personality and flavor contributions to create a singular storyline of their vintage. With its array of top-notch vineyard sources and nuanced layers of dark berry, espresso bean, cedar and rose petal, the 2015 Cardinale is truly Napa Valley at its best, with no room for wine desperados as it rides off into the sunset.”

- CHRISTOPHER CARPENTER, WINEMAKER

WINE STATISTICS

APPELLATION:	100% Napa Valley
COMPOSITION:	90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot
BARREL AGING:	20 months in 100% French oak, 84% new
ALCOHOL:	14.5%
FINISHING:	Unfined and Unfiltered

VINEYARD	Veeder Peak	Rhyolite	W.S. Keyes	Clos du Val	W.S. Keyes	La Jota	Wurtele	Andrew Geoffrey	Wallis	Van Z	Spring Mountain	Yverdon
APPELLATION	Mount Veeder	Diamond Mountain District	Howell Mountain	Stags Leap	Howell Mountain	Howell Mountain	Spring Mountain District	Diamond Mountain District	Diamond Mountain District	St. Helena	Spring Mountain District	Spring Mountain District
ELEVATION	1,800 ft.	1,500 ft.	1,825 ft.	65 - 85 ft.	1,825 ft.	1,800 ft.	1,000 ft.	1,850 ft.	1,500 ft.	150 ft.	1,800 ft.	2,100 ft.
SOIL	gravelly loam, black soils	volcanic loam	white & red volcanic rocky loam	haire loam, and bale clay loam	white & red volcanic rocky loam	rhyolitic tuff, iron clay, volcanic rock	volcanic loam	volcanic loam	volcanic loam	gravelly loam	volcanic loam	volcanic loam
VARIETY	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Merlot	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon
% CONTRIBUTION	18%	14%	12%	12%	10%	7.50%	7%	5%	4%	4%	3%	3%
CONTRIBUTION TO THE BLEND	blue fruit, length, backbone	sweet, middle, some red	dark fruit, herb, weight	sweet red, middle, fine tannin	dark fruit, herb, weight	dark fruit, herb, weight	fine tannins, floral, red fruit	dark cherry, broad tannin	sweet, middle, some red	middle, red/dark, lush	fine tannins, floral, red fruit	fine tannins, floral, red fruit

96+ POINTS

“Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2015 Cardinale Cabernet Sauvignon (containing 10% Merlot) gives beautiful red, black and blue fruit notes with touches of dried herbs, spice cake and unsmoked cigars, plus a waft of cedar. Medium to full-bodied, it has a firm structure with plenty of gregarious mid-palate fruit, finishing with a lingering herbal lift. This seductive blockbuster is temptingly drinkable now and it should age gracefully over 15-20 years.”

- LISA PERROTTI-BROWN, *Robert Parker Wine Advocate*, DECEMBER 2017