

CARDINALE

2005

NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

“Inviting floral aromas, with hints of black cherry, blackberry jam and cassis, lead to a mouthful of similar flavors, plus anise, vanilla crème, flint and toast. Beautifully balanced, this Cardinale owes its opulence and silky tannins to fruit from To Kalon, Taylor and Van Z vineyards, which make up thirty percent of the blend.”

- CHRISTOPHER CARPENTER, WINEMAKER

WINE STATISTICS

APPELLATION:	100% Napa Valley
COMPOSITION:	88% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Merlot
BARREL AGING:	20 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	39.5%	17.2%	12.6%	11.0%	10.7%	9.0%
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

98 POINTS

“An absolutely spectacular showing for Cardinale in 2005, their Proprietary Red is a blend of 88% Cabernet Sauvignon and 12% Merlot that comes in at 14.7% natural alcohol. It is aged 20 months in 100% new French oak and bottled unfiltered by winemaker Chris Carpenter. He sources the fruit from Jackson Family vineyards such as the Veeder Peak Vineyard and the Keyes Vineyard on Howell Mountain and several other sites elsewhere in Napa. In that sense, it’s a cross-Napa Valley blend. A beautiful nose of pure kirsch liqueur as well as crème de cassis jump from the glass of this opaque purple wine. The fabulous fragrance is followed by an equally compelling, full-bodied, opulently textured mouthfeel. The wine has incredible length of a good 45 seconds. It is voluptuously textured, gorgeously pure and fruity, and already strutting its stuff. It should continue to evolve for at least another 10-15 years.” - ROBERT M. PARKER, JR., *eRobertParker*, JUNE 2015