

CARDINALE

2007

NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

“Mouth-filling fruit, supple texture, velvety tannins and distinctive anise and graphite notes. Mountain vineyards contributed approximately ninety percent of the grapes to the blend and time has rounded their youthful edges. Fruit from warmer benchland vineyards in Oakville and St. Helena enhance the mid-palate and richness.”

- CHRISTOPHER CARPENTER, WINEMAKER

WINE STATISTICS

APPELLATION: 100% Napa Valley
COMPOSITION: 86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot
BARREL AGING: 19 months in 100% French oak, 90% new
ALCOHOL: 14.8%

VINEYARD	Veeder Peak	W.S. Keyes	To Kalon	Andrew Geoffrey	Spring Mountain Vineyard	Van Z
APPELLATION	Mount Veeder	Howell Mountain	Oakville	Diamond Mountain	Spring Mountain	St. Helena
ELEVATION	1,800 feet	1,825 feet	150 feet	1,850 feet	1,800 feet	150 feet
SOILS	gravelly loam, black soils	white & red volcanic rocky loam	gravelly loam	volcanic loam	volcanic loam	gravelly loam
VARIETALS	Cabernet Sauvignon & Merlot	Cabernet Sauvignon & Merlot	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon
% CONTRIBUTION	67%	20%	3.4%	3.4%	3.2%	3%
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BLEND	dark fruit, floral aroma, bold tannins	cassis, blueberry, herbal notes	black cherry, richness and opulence	red fruit, cassis, silky mouth	minerality, smokiness, length, floral tones	middle palate, chocolate, crème

94 POINTS

“The impressive 2007 exhibits an opaque purple color as well as abundant aromas of sweet red and black currants, kirsch, spice box, licorice, and toasty new oak. Full-bodied, big, structured, and layered, it will benefit from 3-4 years of cellaring. Winemaker Christopher Carpenter has again turned out a wine that should evolve for 25 years. Impressive!” - ROBERT M. PARKER, JR., *The Wine Advocate*, DECEMBER 2009