

CARDINALE

2008

NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

“The 2008 aromatic element evokes violets and orange blossoms. The fruit, influenced by the blend’s Howell Mountain backbone, adds a dark cherry component combined with a palate of currant, ripe blackberry and toast, with a velvety texture on a lingering finish”

- CHRISTOPHER CARPENTER, WINEMAKER

WINE STATISTICS

APPELLATION: 100% Napa Valley
COMPOSITION: 91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Merlot
BARREL AGING: 22 months in 100% French oak, 81% new
ALCOHOL: 14.5%

VINEYARD	W.S. Keyes	Veeder Peak	Andrew Geoffrey	Spring Mountain Vineyard	To Kalon
APPELLATION	Howell Mountain	Mount Veeder	Diamond Mountain District	Spring Mountain District	Oakville
ELEVATION	1,825 feet	1,800 feet	1,850 feet	1,800 feet	150 feet
SOILS	white & red volcanic rocky loam	gravelly loam, black soils	volcanic loam	volcanic loam	gravelly loam
VARIETY	Merlot & Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon
% CONTRIBUTION	40%	37%	9%	9%	5%
CONTRIBUTION TO THE BLEND	dark fruit, herb, weight	blue fruit, length, backbone	dark cherry, broad tannin	fine tannins, floral, red fruit	middle texture, broad tannins

96 POINTS

“...The 2008 exhibits a dense purple color along with sweet kirsch, unsmoked cigar tobacco, toasty oak and black currant characteristics. The wine hits the palate with a resounding opulence, full-bodied richness, moderate, sweet, well-integrated tannins and a long, heady finish... the 2008 should last for 20-25+ years...” - ROBERT M. PARKER, JR., *The Wine Advocate*, DECEMBER 2010