

# CARDINALE

2010

NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

“The 2010 Cardinale reflects a vintage that challenged us and highlighted our dedication to producing a wine that defines the very best of Napa Valley in a way that impacts your palate like Coltrane’s “A Love Supreme”. The score is at once a classic of musical creation and a masterpiece with all the subtly, grace and precision of a Mozart symphony, but with the charisma of complex Jazz. Following suit, the 2010 Cardinale is an intriguing combination of dark fruits and spices, opening with scents of ripe boysenberry and dark cherry that meld on the palate with holiday spices and Sumatra coffee bean flavors. The 2010 Cardinale has a lush, mid-body texture and a lingering finish.”

- CHRISTOPHER CARPENTER, WINEMAKER

## WINE STATISTICS

APPELLATION:	100% Napa Valley
COMPOSITION:	86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot
BARREL AGING:	20 months in 100% French oak, 98% new
ALCOHOL:	14.5%
FINISHING:	Egg White fined. Bottled unfiltered.

VINEYARD	W.S. Keyes	Veeder Peak	W.S. Keyes	Van Z	Spring Mountain	Andrew Geoffrey
APPELLATION	Howell Mountain	Mount Veeder	Howell Mountain	St. Helena	Spring Mountain District	Diamond Mountain District
ELEVATION	1,825 ft.	1,800 ft.	1,825 ft.	150 ft.	1,800 ft.	1,850 ft.
SOIL	white & red volcanic rocky loam	gravelly loam, black soils	white & red volcanic rocky loam	gravelly loam	volcanic loam	volcanic loam
VARIETY	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Merlot	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon
% CONTRIBUTION	36%	33%	14%	8.5%	4.5%	4%
CONTRIBUTION TO THE BLEND	dark fruit, herb, weight	blue fruit, length, backbone	dark fruit, herb, weight	middle, red/dark, lush	fine tannins, floral, red fruit	middle, red/dark, lush

96 POINTS

“Chris Carpenter has done a fabulous job with the 2010 Cardinale. The wine boasts a huge center of fruit backed up by equally firm, imposing tannins. Layers of dark red fruit, mocha, cinnamon and new leather explode from the glass. The 2010 is a huge Cardinale endowed with superb depth, power and richness. At the same time, there is a mid-palate generosity and pliancy that leads me to believe the 2010 will drink beautifully once the tannins soften a touch. Hints of tar, graphite and iron add personality on the full-bodied, intense finish.... The ability to blend fruit from various top-notch sites works great here. Anticipated maturity: 2020–2030.”

- ANTONIO GALLONI, *The Wine Advocate*, DECEMBER 2012