

CARDINALE

2011

NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

“A much cooler and wetter vintage than many in the past, in this vintage we adapted techniques in the vineyard and cellar to maintain Cardinale’s stylistic foundation. It has the familiar flavors of dark cherries and milk chocolate, with a velvety mouthfeel, long finish and elements of currants, Asian spice and rosemary.”

- CHRISTOPHER CARPENTER, WINEMAKER

WINE STATISTICS

APPELLATION: 100% Napa Valley
COMPOSITION: 89% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot
BARREL AGING: 18 months in 100% French oak, 81% new
ALCOHOL: 14.5%

VINEYARD	Veeder Peak	W.S. Keyes	La Jota	Domaine Chandon	Van Z	Andrew Geoffrey
APPELLATION	Mount Veeder	Howell Mountain	Howell Mountain	Yountville	St. Helena	Diamond Mountain
ELEVATION	1,800 feet	1,825 feet	1,800 feet	100 feet	150 feet	1,850 feet
SOIL	gravelly loam, black soils	white & red volcanic rocky loam	rhyolitic tuff, iron clay, volcanic rock	gravelly slit loams & alluvial, sedimentary	gravelly loam	volcanic loam
VARIETY	Cabernet Sauvignon	Merlot & Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon
% CONTRIBUTION	37%	34%	16%	6%	5%	2%
CONTRIBUTION TO THE BLEND	structure, floral, minerals, blue fruit, length	gravelly, dark fruit, herb, texture	huckleberry, rosemary, texture, minerality	ripe strawberry, cassis, fine tannins	mid-palate, spice, red fruit	high tone of red/dark fruit, opulent, bright fruit

96 POINTS

“The 2011 Cardinale is another of the many exceptional wines I tasted with Chris Carpenter this year. The 2011 is beautiful and exceptionally polished, but at the same time, the flavors are beautifully defined, crystalline in their beauty and flat-out striking. In this vintage, Cardinale is all about finesse and persistence, with less volume than some previous versions, but a touch more aromatic refinement.” - ANTONIO GALLONI, *Vinous Media*, NOVEMBER 2013