

CARDINALE

EVERY NOTE INSPIRED.

2010 CARDINALE 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 OF 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 98% new French oak
FINISHING:	Egg White Fined and Bottled Unfiltered

ACCLAIM

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, *Robert Parker’s Wine Advocate*, December 2012

MAIN VINEYARD SOURCES

	KEYES	VEEDER PEAK	ANDREW GEOFFREY	SPRING MOUNTAIN	VAN Z
APPELLATION	Howell Mountain	Mount Veeder	Diamond Mountain	Spring Mountain	St. Helena
ELEVATION	1,700 feet	1,400 to 1,600 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
VARIETALS	Merlot & Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon
% CONTRIBUTIONS	50%	33%	4%	4.5%	8.5%
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BLEND	gravelly, dark fruit, herb, texture	structure, floral, minerals, blue fruit, length	high tone of red/dark fruit, opulent, bright fruit	floral character, more pinpointed tannins, red fruit	mid-palate, spice, red fruit