CARDINALE

2018

Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

"Woodworkers are never without the right tools to dial in the details for a piece of furniture or other creation. As a winemaker, I am blessed with a toolbox too, albeit somewhat different. My toolbox contains an array of some of Napa Valley's most incredible vineyards and the most pristine and quality-driven cooperage available.

Cardinale requires each tool's aspects to create an expression of grace, subtly, and power each year, to glorify its high and low notes—to create a wine that will be a keepsake for years to come and a defining memory once consumed.

This year, the tools include seven appellations and 32 individual wine lots. With the right vision, we crafted the finished piece – 2018 Cardinale. Super structured and with minerality to spare, this Cabernet Sauvignon offers a real presence on the palate from start to finish. Generous notes of dark chocolate balance beautifully with a blue and black fruit flavor explosion, finishing with a subtle whisper of rose petal."

- Christopher Carpenter, Winemaker

Wine Statistics

Appellation:	100% Napa Valley
Composition:	90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot
Barrel Aging:	22 months in 100% French oak, 82% new
Alcohol:	14.5%
Finishing:	Unfined and Unfiltered

VINEYARD	Wurtele	Wallis	W.S. Keyes	Andrew Geoffrey	W.S. Keyes	Veeder Peak	Clos Du Val	Yverdon	Rhyolite Ridge	Edcora	Van Z
APPELLATION	Spring Mountain District	Diamond Mountain District	Howell Mountain	Diamond Mountain District	Howell Mountain	Mount Veeder	Stag Leap District	Spring Mountain District	Diamond Mountain District	Atlas Peak	St. Helena
ELEVATION	1,000 ft.	1,500 ft.	1,825 ft.	1,850 ft.	1,825 ft.	1,800 ft.	125 ft.	1,800 ft.	750 ft.	1,650 ft.	150 ft.
SOIL	volcanic loam	volcanic loam	white & red volcanic rocky loam	volcanic loam	white & red volcanic rocky loam	gravelly loam, black soils	haire loam & bale clay loam	volcanic loam	volcanic loam	red rock soil	gravelly loam
VARIETY	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Merlot	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon
% CONTRIBUTION	26%	11%	10%	9.5%	8.5%	8%	7.5%	6.5%	5%	5%	3%
CONTRIBUTION TO THE BLEND	fine tannins, floral, red fruit	sweet, middle, some red	dark fruit, herb, weight	dark cherry, broad tannin	dark fruit, herb, weight	blue fruit, length, backbone	sweet red, middle, fine tannin	fine tannins, floral, red fruit	sweet, middle, some red	dark fruit minerality	middle, red/dark, lush

98 points

"Composed of 90% Cabernet Sauvignon and 10% Merlot, the 2018 Cardinale was aged in French oak barrels for 22 months, 82% new. Deep garnet-purple colored, it prances out of the glass with gregarious notions of warm cassis, black cherries and wild blueberries, followed by emerging earth scents with a tobacco and garrigue undercurrent. Medium to full-bodied, gracefully styled and refreshing, the vibrant black and blue-fruited palate offers a wonderfully fine-grained texture and bags of energy, finishing long with a skip in its step."

- Lisa Perrotti-Brown, *Robert Parker Wine Advocate,* January 2021