



Product Information

Area : California / Napa Valley

Wine style : Red

Varietal : Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon

Alc (%) : 14.7

Description

CHRISTOPHER CARPENTER, WINEMAKER - "One of the great rewards for any winemaker is the look of anticipation, joy, and satisfaction that comes as people experience the wines we produce. That moment more than anything, drives our passion for the work we do. The most interesting aspect about this process is the combination of analytical and artistic styles. One must learn to move from thinking with the left hemisphere of the brain (the logician) to the right (the artist), which is not as easy as it might sound. Cardinale is, for me, a wine that takes the most effort from a right-hemisphere perspective. Most of the year I am living and thinking in the left side of the brain-overseeing the nuances of the vineyards, the pathology and development of the wine. In May, I switch to the other hemisphere. Having close to 50 individual wines to evaluate with the goal of creating one wine I must focus on narrowing those down to create a palate of aromatic subtlety, taste bud intensity, complexity, and textural depth and length. In order to do this I have to "see" the patterns of each wine individually and understand how they layer together when blending. With the 2014 vintage, a smooth and...

Terroir/Vinification

Ageing: 19 months in 100% French oak, 94% new.

Finishing: Unfined and unfiltered.

Accolades

Robert Parker 98 Point!