



Cardinale

Cardinale 2013 is an iconic Napa Valley wine, crafted from meticulously selected mountain vineyards, embodying power, elegance, and age-worthy sophistication.

CARDINALE

California, USA

Region and Vineyards

The 2013 vintage draws fruit from some of Napa Valley's most prestigious mountain vineyards, each contributing unique characteristics to the blend. These include **Howell Mountain, Spring Mountain, Mount Veeder, Diamond Mountain, and Stags Leap District**. The vineyards sit at elevations ranging from **150 to 1,850 feet**, benefiting from cooler temperatures and rocky, well-draining soils.

The volcanic loam and rhyolitic soils typical of these sites provide a backbone of minerality and structure, while the warm days and cool nights enhance the wine's aromatic intensity and natural acidity. The **2013 vintage** was defined by an ideal growing season, with consistent warmth and a lack of extreme weather, resulting in balanced, concentrated grapes.

Winemaking

The **2013 Cardinale** is a blend of **86% Cabernet Sauvignon** and **14% Merlot**, meticulously crafted to reflect the terroir of each vineyard. Grapes were hand-harvested and sorted for quality before fermentation in stainless steel tanks to preserve the purity of fruit.

The wine was aged for **19 months in 100% French oak barrels**, with **91% new oak**, enhancing its depth and complexity. The final wine, **unfined and unfiltered**, is a testament to the precision and skill of winemaker Christopher Carpenter, showcasing the elegance and intensity that define this exceptional vintage.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep garnet with vibrant ruby highlights.
- **Aroma:** Aromas of **blackcurrant, blueberry**, and **dark cherry**, accented by notes of cedar, graphite, and cocoa.
- **Palate:** Full-bodied and structured, with layers of **blackberry, plum**, and hints of baking spices. The silky tannins and vibrant acidity provide balance, leading to a long, polished finish with echoes of mocha and earthy minerality.



Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 89% Cabernet
Sauvignon, 89% Cabernet
Sauvignon, 11% Merlot



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Did You Know?

The 2013 vintage in Napa Valley is widely regarded as one of the greatest of the 21st century. The perfect balance of weather conditions allowed for optimal ripeness and flavor development, producing wines with exceptional aging potential and complexity.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Prime rib roast with herb crust:** The wine's bold structure and dark fruit notes pair beautifully with the richness of the beef.
- **Braised short ribs with red wine reduction:** Its tannins and depth complement the savory, slow-cooked flavors of the dish.
- **Aged Gruyère or Comté cheese:** The wine's intensity and acidity balance the nuttiness and saltiness of these cheeses.
- **Dark chocolate mousse with sea salt:** The hints of mocha and cocoa in the wine enhance the dessert's bittersweet richness.



Robert Parker (RP) : 96 Points (2013)

A brilliant wine from winemaker Chris Carpenter and the Kendall-Jackson family, this blend of 89% Cabernet Sauvignon and 11% Merlot, mostly coming from mountain vineyards owned by the Jackson family, is fabulous. The 2013 Cardinale Proprietary Red Wine is dense purple-colored, a big, sweet kiss of crème de cassis as well as licorice, blackberry and espresso are all present in this full-bodied, rather sublime and intense Cabernet Sauvignon that should drink well for 25 or more years. This was aged in about 91% new French oak for 18-20 months prior to bottling. It is certainly one of the finest Cardinales I have tasted in my experience.

