



STOP for Cardinale



Cardinale ? Schon wieder ein neues Weingut?
Ja und nein. Auf alle Fälle eines der Juwelen im Portfolio der Jackson-Wein-Familie. Weine der Weingüter Verité oder Lokoya habe ich Ihnen bereits vorgestellt und vielen von Ihnen bereits in den Keller geliefert.

Mit der Verkostung der 2012er Lokoya (siehe Homepage) wuchs mein Interesse am Winemaker Chris Carpenter, der für Jackson die Weine der Napa-Valley-Güter erzeugt. Und was für Weine. Mt.-Brave, La Jota, Lokoya (2 Weine mit 99 und 100 Parker) und eben auch Car-

dinale. Nina und ich besuchten Cardinale im August. Kurz vor der Einfahrt zu Opus One hiess es STOP. Stop für Cardinale.

Auch als perfekten Kontrast zum Konzept von Lokoya interessierte mich dieser Wein. Bei Lokoya werden 4 Weine der 4 besten wirklichen Weinberge des Napa-Valleys erzeugt: Mount Veeder, Howell Mountain, Springs Mountain und Diamond Mountain. **4 Weine von 4 hills.**

Bei Cardinale wird aus den besten Trauben ebenfalls dieser vier Mountains ein einziger Wein komponiert – Cardinale. Somit **4 hills und ein Wein.** Zwei Philosophien.

2012 Cardinale

Robert Parker (98): "...Cardinale's 2012 Proprietary Red, the flagship wine from the Jackson Family, was looked after and put-together by winemaker Chris Carpenter from numerous vineyard sites traversing Napa Valley. The 2012's final blend was 84% Cabernet Sauvignon and 16% Merlot with 94% new French oak used. Terroirists undoubtedly lament the fact that nine different vineyards and seven different appellations were utilized, but the resulting wine is prodigious. A dense purple color is accompanied by notes of graphite, blackberries, blackcurrants, roasted coffee, vanillin, baking spices and forest floor. With enormous complexity and richness as well as full-bodied power and voluptuousness, it is a wine of exceptional purity, intensity, and well-integrated acidity, alcohol, tannin and wood. This seamless, majestic Napa Cabernet Sauvignon-dominated 2012 should drink well for two decades"

Der 2012er Cardinale kommt in der 6er HK. Aber wie immer, sind Sie frei in der Anzahl der Flaschen, die Sie begehren.

2013 Cardinale

Robert Parker (96): "...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.

		EUR/Fl.
Jahr	Wein	Listenpreis
2012	Cardinale - Napa Valley - 98 Parker	269,00
2013	Cardinale - Napa Valley - 96 Parker	339,00



Die Preise verstehen sich pro Flasche und **inkl. Mehrwertsteuer**. Das Angebot ist freibleibend. Zwischenverkauf vorbehalten. Es gelten die üblichen Zahlungs- und Lieferbedingungen laut Homepage.

2012 Cabernet Sauvignon - Cardinale

"One of the quintessential American stories is the novel *Sometimes a Great Notion* by Ken Kesey. It is a book that challenges the reader to listen in the individual characters as they relate the stories that imbue their lives in the Oregonian timber country. Kesey's masterpiece has different characters telling the story on the same page without the benefit of knowing who is speaking. The reader has to listen carefully during the first 50 or so pages to understand where each character fits and how the individual voice is identified.

"Cardinale is a collection of individual voices that tell a story, in this case the characters are the appellations and the story is the vintage. The individuality of the vineyards is there to enrich the experience. In 2012, the number of characters increased as the vintage was such that the quality of the expression of each appellation soared to the level of Cardinale's expectation. Blackberries, shale, hints of earth, currant, Asian spice and mountain minerality reside alongside a breadth of structural tannins and weight from the concentration of fruit. Like Kesey's novel the 2012 transports you by way of the characters/appellations to a time and a place that we will celebrate for years to come."

CHRISTOPHER CARPENTER, *Winemaker*
84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Merlot

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Cardinale, located in Napa Valley's world-renowned Oakville District, crafts a single Cabernet Sauvignon from each vintage.

Cardinale is more than one wine - it is several wines from disparate mountain and benchland vineyards along the Mayacamas and Vaca ranges that surround Napa Valley.

The wine is a limited-production blend from Napa Valley's most celebrated mountain appellations, including Diamond Mountain, Howell Mountain, Mount Veeder, and Spring Mountain.

2013

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Christopher Carpenter, Winemaker

Robert M. Parker, The Wine Advocate, Oct. 2015

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2013 CARDINALE

86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot

Native Yeast Fermentation

Bottled Unfined & Unfiltered

Aged 19 months in 100% French oak, 91% new

92% mountain vineyards, 8% benchland vineyards

Bottling Date – August 1, 2014



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2013

NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

"I think what separates the exceptional artist from the great artist is a body of consistently great work with examples that move beyond "great" to the exceptional. John Coltrane's *A Love Supreme*, Led Zeppelin's *Houses of the Holy*, Michelangelo's *David*, Hitchcock's *North by Northwest*, Steinbeck's *Grapes of Wrath*, are all examples of just this idea. The artist's general body of work is significant in its ability to move you but the specific examples spiritually touch you.

In the wine world Napa Valley is one of those geographies whose consistent, high quality vintages move you emotionally. In any given decade you may have four really good vintages and six excellent vintages; trying to distinguish between them becomes a matter of personal taste. Vintage 2013, though, was one of those vintages that moved beyond that scale. This was a vintage of perfect conditions—conditions for developing a balance and variety of flavor, acid and tannin at levels that will carry the wines across time. This vintage will go down as one of the most exceptional of the 21st century.

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WINE STATISTICS

APPELLATION:	100% Napa Valley
COMPOSITION:	86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 14% Merlot
BARREL AGING:	19 months in 100% French oak, 91% new
ALCOHOL:	14.5%
FINISHING:	Unfined and Unfiltered

VINEYARD	Veeder Peak	Yverdon	Keyes	Wallis	La Jota	Clos Du Val	Andrew Geoffrey	Rhyolite	Van Z	Spring Mountain
APPELLATION	Mount Veeder	Spring Mountain District	Howell Mountain	Diamond Mountain District	Howell Mountain	Stags Leap	Diamond Mountain District	Diamond Mountain District	St. Helena	Spring Mountain District
ELEVATION	1,400 to 1,600 feet	1,800 feet	1,700 feet	1,500 feet	1,800 feet	65 to 85 feet	1,850 feet	1,100 feet	150 feet	1,800 feet
SOILS	gravelly loam, black soils	volcanic loam	white & red volcanic rocky loam	volcanic loam	rhyolitic tuff, iron clay, volcanic rock	haire loam, bale clay loam	volcanic loam	volcanic loam	gravelly loam	volcanic loam
VARIETALS	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Merlot	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon	Cabernet Sauvignon
% CONTRIBUTIONS	28%	18%	13.5%	13%	12.5%	6%	3%	3%	2%	1%
CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE BLEND	blue fruit, length, backbone	fine tannins, floral, red fruit	dark fruit, herb, weight	sweet, middle, some red	dark fruit, herb, weight	sweet red, middle, fine tannin	dark cherry, broad tannin	dark cherries, round tannins	middle, red/dark, lush	fine tannins, floral, red fruit

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