



Wine Profile
Moone-Tsai 2013 *Cor Leonis* Cabernet Sauvignon

This remarkable cabernet in its especially limited production quantities, receives our *Cor Leonis* **designation, to mark its position as the very “best of our best” wines that we produce.** *Transfixed by the brightest star in the constellation Leo, the Romans dubbed it **Cor Leonis**, the “Heart of the Lion.”*

Tasting Notes

Bearing an extraordinary combination of fruit from a trifecta of Napa Valley’s most celebrated vineyard blocks, the 2013 *Cor Leonis* Cabernet is the epitome of our winemaking philosophy. Beyond its deeply ruby hues, the wine’s alluring nose beckons with notes of blackberry, anise, and hints of softly tanned leather. This enticing invitation notwithstanding, the hallmarks of this brilliant 2013 vintage assert their notability with the dense flavors of ripe blackberry, blueberry, and black plum. Lush in the mouth, the wine teases further with hints of mocha and cocoa nib. Twenty four months of aging in 75% new French oak provides elegant framing for this wine’s concentration and boldness. With its seamless integration of both sweet and finely grained tannins, the wine is opulent on the palate, and delivers an indulgently silky finish of length and elegance.

This richly expressive wine draws its prized fruit from Beckstoffer’s heralded To Kalon Vineyard, St. Helena, and Caldwell Vineyard’s legendary Block-15 – whose vines have flourished in the rocky, volcanic soils of the heralded Coombsville District for over 30 years. The clone of Cabernet grown on this vineyard is prized for its complexity and depth, and the company of wines sourced from this vineyard is noteworthy.

Winemaker: Philippe Melka, Bordeaux-bred (*Chateau Haut Brion, Petrus*) and— recently heralded by Robert Parker as one of the top nine winemakers in the world. *“Where possible, I will minimize winemaking techniques in the cellar so I can create a wine that tells the story of the vineyard. In the end, it must be about the fruit.”*

Wine Facts

Varietal Composition:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
Vineyards:	To Kalon, Caldwell/Coombsville, St. Helena
Production:	464 cases
Harvest Date:	October 11-22, 2013
Cooperage:	75% new French oak; Taransaud, Ermitage, St. Martin
Bottle Date:	February 10, 2016
Release Date:	Scheduled for September-2016

Available in 3/6/12-packs, and large format bottles

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