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Wine Profile

Moone-Tsai 2014 Black List XII

Tasting Notes

With its ruby red shimmer, come-hither aromas of wild raspberry and gently tanned leather suggest a beguiling Cabernet, that is nothing less than well-red [sic]. Beyond this clever feint, a full two hours of patience (after uncorking) further reveals additional hints of cedar box, dry herbs and a cherry candy-like sweetness. Notes of black cherry, lingonberry, clove, coffee, and bergamot also emerge, counterpointed by a pleasing acidity on the palate. With its lush round mouthfeel, one can't help but appreciate the long, lingering tannins that build to a lovely, satisfying finish.

The grapes (337-clone) that made this wine were grown in the well-drained, gravelly soils of the heralded *To Kalon* Vineyard, located on a gradual slope of the valley floor with north/south exposure in the Oakville AVA. Complemented handsomely with fruit from hand-picked rows found within Caldwell Vineyard's remarkable Block-16, the resulting wine is notable for its complexity and depth.

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, Oakville; Coombsville
Production:	99 cases
Harvest Date:	October 10-12 th , 2014
Cooperage:	100% new French oak (20 months); St. Martin, Fr. Freres, Taransaud
Bottle Date:	June 7, 2016
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