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**Wine Profile**

**Moone-Tsai 2014 Black List XV**

**Tasting Notes**

With its deep ruby red hues, our Black List XV presents a dashing dichotomy of verve and purposefulness. At the outset, aromas of black fruit, espresso, and cigar box conspire ...to mount a cunning sneak-attack that only a daring winemaker could devise. Forward and precise upon entry, the wine reveals a balanced freshness and acidity, giving way to a nuanced complexity offering notes of blackberry, cassis, black tea, pomegranate and tamarind. Aged 26 months in 53% new French Oak, the wine's chewy tannins provide notable structure and a deftly delineated mid-palate, leading to a lengthy finish characterized by brio and resolve. Demonstrating the disarming combination of directness, precision and guile, this handsome wine is reminiscent of the legendary Brazilian Formula-One driver, Ayrton Senna, whose exploits on the Grand Prix circuit remain unparalleled.

The cabernet for this notable wine hails from three distinct vineyards, with the backbone coming from a coveted parcel found at the 1,000-foot elevation in St. Helena, and the balance coming from the volcanic, rocky soils found in the cooler climate blocks located in Soda Canyon and Coombsville.

**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:	St. Helena, Coombsville, Soda Canyon
Production:	132 cases
Harvest Date:	September 9 <sup>th</sup> – October 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2014
Cooperage:	53% new French oak - St. Martin, Fr. Freres, Taransaud
Bottle Date:	February 15, 2017
Release Date:	Scheduled for May 2018

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