



Wine Profile
Moone-Tsai 2014 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Tasting Notes

Deep purple in hue, our 2014 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon presents an alluring study of curious contrasts, depth and texture. Aromas of fragrant red and black fruit elicit early inspection, giving way to an inviting mid-palate offering hints of blackberry, dried cranberry, cocoa, spice (recalling chocolate NECCO wafers), and savory, sweet tamarind. Chalky tannins help characterize the wine's revealing structure that in turn finishes with a pleasing acidity and smooth, soft landing. Lithe, supple and familiar, this pleasing cabernet recalls a fine, favorite broken-in leather jacket, or perhaps the ballad by singer, song-writer Neil Young...in his triumphant rendition of "Old Man...Take a look at my life; I'm a lot like you..."

Much of this Cabernet Sauvignon was sourced from the Caldwell Vineyard in Coombsville, an area of southeast Napa Valley where soils are characterized by a unique blend of red volcanic soils and clay. The vineyard is planted on a gently sloping plateau, and the comparatively temperate climate of the area, versus the warmer territory up valley, serves to lengthen the growing season. The grapes are allowed to achieve full ripeness without the pressure of heat extremes common in warmer areas, and low vigor soils throughout the vineyard create small, dense clusters. With the addition of vibrant dark fruit from our preferred vineyard sources in St. Helena and on Howell Mountain, the resulting wine is expressive and evocative.

Winemaker: Philippe Melka, Bordeaux-bred (*Chateau Haut Brion, Petrus*) and – 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:	83% Cabernet Sauvignon; 10% Merlot, 7% Petit Verdot
Vineyards:	Coombsville, St. Helena, Howell Mountain
Production:	1,038 cases
Harvest Date:	Sep 9 th – Oct 12 th , 2014
Cooperage:	40% new French oak: St. Martin, Fr. Freres, Taransaud
Bottle Date:	June 7, 2016
Release Date:	Scheduled for September 2017

Available in 6/12-packs

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