



Wine Profile
Moone-Tsai 2014 Napa Valley Chardonnay

Tasting Notes

Our 2014 Napa Valley Chardonnay is a splendid testimonial to the vintage's curious and exceptional growing season. While Mother Nature's late August 6.0 rocker provided a jarring pre-harvest wake-up call, fruit from our Bald Mountain vineyard block came through ...neither shaken nor stirred. Golden-straw in hue, the wine's nose invites thoughtful pause and pondering. To entice these aromas, mindful swirling will elicit notes of pear and butterscotch. With a delicate acid backbone that lends a delightful freshness, the wine displays hints of lemon custard accented by pineapple, apricot, and washed stone. Barrel-fermented and aged 17 months in 52% new French oak, the wine's precocious plushness rounds to a completeness and complexity through to its finish.

Bald Mountain, a neighbor of Mount Veeder, is situated in the Mayacamas Mountains on the western border of the Napa Valley. The south-facing vineyard sits at nearly 1600 feet above sea level, and offers stunning views of both the Sonoma and Napa Valleys, as well as of Marin's Mt. Tamalpais to the south. Cool sunshine is abundant throughout the growing season, allowing the grapes to ripen slowly while varietal character evolves completely.

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% Chardonnay
Vineyards:	Bald Mountain
Production:	508 cases
Harvest Date:	Sept 2-12, 2014
Cooperage:	52% new French oak: Rousseau, Damy, François Freres
Bottle Date:	April 13, 2016
Release Date:	July 15, 2016

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