



Wine Profile
Moone-Tsai 2015 Napa Valley Chardonnay

Tasting Notes

We enthusiastically present the seventh vintage of our acclaimed Napa Valley Chardonnay, from our remarkable Bald Mountain block, positioned on the Napa/Sonoma border, between the steep slopes of Mt. Veeder and Sugarloaf. Golden-straw in hue, the wine's alluring nose beckons with hints of white flowers, pear and grapefruit. In the mouth, tropical fruit notes of mango and pineapple coyly announce the wine's arrival, giving way to a silky mid-palate suggesting lemon custard lightly drizzled atop lightly toasted brioche. With a delicate acidity that lends a refreshing minerality, the wine is barrel-fermented and aged 19 months in 39% new French (Burgundian) oak, resulting in a pleasing plushness that rounds to a complete, satisfying 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:	397 cases
Harvest Date:	August 27, 2015
Cooperage:	39% new French oak (Burgundian) Marcel Cadet, Rousseau, Francois Frères Dargaud et Jaegle (light to medium toast)
Bottle Date:	March 16, 2017
Release Date:	May 1, 2017

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