



MOONE + TSAI

Wine Profile

Moone-Tsai 2019 Black List XXIX

Tasting Notes

In a season marked by copious rainfall, and a long warm summer, the stage was set for the 2019 vintage's remarkable wines. Abundant hangtime teased out great color, structure and tannins yielding exceptional fruit with bright acidity and ample texture.

With a nearly indescribable hue suggestive of deep purple, dark ruby and violet; this tantalizing proprietary red blend walks the line between vampy and coquettish. Fragrant with aromas of red and black fruit, baking spices and shaved cedar, the wine shows off what can happen when sultry Petite Sirah (71%) is combined with refined Cabernet Sauvignon (29%). Rich and expressive, the wine generously offers suggestions of black cherry, boysenberry, and plum, further accented by hints of tamarind and graphite. Displaying a pleasing concentration and weight, the wine's silky tannins, and delicate acidity show off a marvelous texture through the mid-palate to a satisfying finish.

The marvelous Petite Sirah that goes into this extraordinary red blend hails from the historic Palisades Vineyard, located directly below the high cliffs of a narrow riparian canyon, one mile north of the town of Calistoga. Enhancing the wine's remarkable texture and depth, gorgeous Cabernet Sauvignon has been added from the Yountville AVA, where heritage grape varieties can be found within the noble micro-blocks situated on a western facing slope adjacent to Stags Leap.

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:	71% Petite Sirah, 29% Cabernet Sauvignon
Vineyards:	Palisades/Calistoga, Yountville
Production:	170 cases
Harvest Date:	October 2 nd – 24 th , 2019
Cooperage:	18-months: 60% new French oak: St. Martin, Fr. Freres, Taransaud
Bottle Date:	June 23, 2021
Release Date:	March 1, 2023

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