



**Wine Profile**  
**Moone-Tsai 2019 Black List XXXI**

**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 hang-time teased out great color, structure and tannins yielding exceptional fruit with bright acidity and ample texture.

Deep ruby on the verge of opacity, this 31<sup>st</sup> edition of our Black List collection is a study in serious Bordeaux-style red blends. Resplendent with its backbone of 96% Cabernet Sauvignon hailing from a notable troika of blocks located on Pritchard Hill, Stags Leap, and Coombsville, the wine is serious and mercurial; just enough to lead Cab-hounds into wonder. Dense, and direct with dark fruit, the wine's attack and mid-palate offer ample helpings of black plum, berries and morello cherries, with nods to sweet baking spices, oak and graphite. Fermented in stainless steel tanks (3-days cold soak, 23 days on skins), the wine's structure is finely marked by silky, supple tannins, nice weightiness, and exceptional balance. Serious, complex, intense, and a touch mysterious (cue Palisades Petite Sirah), one can't help but think of the remarkable Irish actor, Cillian Murphy, whose brilliant portrayal of America's modern-day Prometheus in *Oppenheimer*, is leaving the critics (and all of us!) speechless.

In addition to fine Pritchard Hill fruit, the backbone for this tantalizing Cab-dominant blend features eleven different clones of heirloom cabernet sauvignon vines. The twenty micro-blocks that mark this unique parcel are located on a small sliver in the Yountville AVA, adjacent to Stags Leap. Situated on a gradual, western facing slope, the volcanic soils that characterize this block are comprised of gravelly alluvial deposits, similar to those found on nearby Pritchard Hill. With the addition of vibrant dark fruit from Caldwell Block-15 in Coombsville, 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:	96% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petite Sirah
Vineyards:	Pritchard Hill, Yountville, Coombsville, Palisades/Calistoga
Production:	175 cases
Harvest Date:	October 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2019
Cooperage:	26-months: 70% new French oak: St. Martin, Fr. Freres, Taransaud
Bottle Date:	February 2, 2022 (2/2/22)
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