



**Wine Profile**  
**Moone-Tsai 2009 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon**

**Tasting Notes**

Our 2009 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon opens with aromas of ripe black-fruit and tobacco. The mouth is expansive and expressive with layered flavors suggesting chocolate-covered cherries, ripe plum, and espresso. With its substantive, yet finely grained tannins, and 24-months of aging in fine French oak; the wine is densely flavored and powerful, and delivers a seductively long finish of berries and pipe smoke.

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 physiological ripeness without the pressure of heat extremes common in warmer areas, and low vigor soils throughout the vineyard create small, dense clusters. The resulting wine is opulent and expressive.

**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% Cabernet
Vineyards:	Coombsville District, St. Helena District
Production:	1,035 cases
Harvest Date:	Sept 15 - Oct 24, 2009
Cooperage:	81% new French oak; 19% 2-year oak- St. Martin, Fr. Freres, Taransaud
Bottle Date:	March 18, 2012
Release Date:	September 4, 2012

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