



**Wine Profile**  
**Moone-Tsai 2009 Napa Valley Chardonnay**

**Tasting Notes**

Gorgeous and concentrated, the nose of this straw-gold Chardonnay opens with aromas of honeyed Asian pear, light caramel and crème brulee. The weighty, creamy palate is balanced beautifully by a fresh acidity, and flavors of golden apple and cream soda linger long into the finish. Careful use of oak frames, rather than overwhelms, the elegance of this wine.

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 ft 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**

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| Varietal Composition: | 100% Chardonnay                       |
| Vineyards:            | Bald Mountain                         |
| Production:           | 373 cases                             |
| Harvest Date:         | September 19, 2009                    |
| Cooperage:            | 65% new French oak: De Jarnac, Billon |
| Bottle Date:          | February 17, 2011                     |
| Release Date:         | Fall 2011                             |
| Retail price (750ml): | \$50/bottle                           |

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