

Wine Profile Moone-Tsai 2010 Napa Valley Chardonnay

Tasting Notes

Our 2010 Bald Mountain Chardonnay presents a gorgeous nose of red pear, candied lemon peel, and dulce de leche. The creamy mouth is layered with crème brulée and white peach, with the sweet vanilla and subtle nutmeg of high quality French oak extending long into the finish. Subtle oak-framing and well-balanced acidity gives the wine structure, elegance and versatility.

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.

<u>Winemaker</u>: 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: 495 cases

Harvest Date: September 22, 2010

Cooperage: 50% new French oak: Rousseau, Damy, Francios Freres

Bottle Date: April 18, 2012

Release Date: Scheduled for June 2012

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