



Wine Profile
Moone-Tsai 2011 Black List-4 Proprietary Red

Tasting Notes

Our Black List-4 arrives with an unexpected calling card; ...catching the unsuspecting with a provocative nose of ripe blackberry amidst its inky purple swirl. In the mouth, black cherry/kirsch flavors are accented by hints of black tea, black olive and sage. With an oak regimen that lifts the wine through a notable mid-palate, the wine shows lovely length ... through to a satisfying finish. Together with its pleasing palate weight, good acidity, and fine-grained tannins, this proprietary blend is at once flirtatious, but spirited. Katy Perry meeting John Wayne may come to mind; but we'll leave this to your palate and imagination.

The fruit for this two barrel-production is sourced from two vineyard blocks, each located at near opposite ends of Napa Valley. While the Cabernet backbone of this blend comes from a small parcel located on the northwest edge of Coombsville, its Petit Verdot counterpart is found amidst the rocky, well-drained soils of Dutch Henry Canyon... where the vines send their roots far, wide and deep to find the necessary nutrients and water. The stones aid the vineyard, absorbing the sun's heat during the day and radiating the heat during the night to protect the vines during frost season and help ripen the fruit.

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:	67% Cabernet Sauvignon, 33% Petit Verdot
Vineyards:	Coombsville District, Calistoga
Production:	50 cases
Harvest Date:	October 26, November 2, 2011
Cooperage:	55% new French oak; Francois Freres, Taransaud
Bottle Date:	January 27, 2014
Release Date:	May 2014
Suggested Cellaring:	7-10 years

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