

Wine Profile Moone-Tsai 2011 *Cor Leonis* Cabernet Sauvignon

This remarkable cabernet in its especially limited production quantities, receives our *Cor Leonis* designation, to mark its position as the very "best of our best" wines that we produce.

Transfixed by the brightest star in the constellation Leo, the Romans dubbed it Cor Leonis, the "Heart of the Lion."

Tasting Notes

Bearing an extraordinary combination of fruit from a trifecta of Napa Valley's most celebrated vineyard blocks, our 2011 Cor Leonis Cabernet is the hallmark of our winemaking philosophy. The wine's expressive nose entices with aromas of blackberry and spice. In the mouth, these give way to layers of rich, ripe black fruits that are subtly nuanced with minerality, cocoa, and clove. Twenty six months of aging in 90% new French oak provides elegant framing for this wine's concentration and intensity. With its seamless integration of both sweet and finely grained tannins, the wine is opulent on the palate, and delivers a silky finish of length and elegance.

This richly expressive wine draws its prized fruit from Beckstoffer's heralded To Kalon Vineyard, Pritchard Hill, and Caldwell Vineyard's legendary Block-15 – whose vines have flourished in the rocky, volcanic soils of the heralded Coombsville District for over 30 years. The clone of Cabernet grown on this vineyard is prized for its complexity and depth, and the company of wines sourced from this vineyard is noteworthy.

<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% Cabernet

Vineyards: Caldwell/Coombsville District, To Kalon, Pritchard Hill

Production: 309 cases

Harvest Date: October 20 – November 2, 2011

Cooperage: 90% new French oak; Taransaud, Ermitage, St. Martin

Bottle Date: January 27, 2014

Release Date: Scheduled for September-2014

Available in 3/6/12-packs, and large format bottles

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