



Wine Profile
Moone-Tsai 2011 Napa Valley Chardonnay

Tasting Notes

Our 2011 Napa Valley Chardonnay presents an enticing nose of citrus and lightly toasted brioche. The mouth is layered with subtle notes of apricot, tangerine, butterscotch and subtle nutmeg (indicating the use of exceptional French oak) ... extending long into the finish. Delicate oak-framing and well-balanced acidity give the wine structure, elegance, brightness and precision. The wines were barrel-fermented, and aged in 73% new French oak for 16 months.

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 feet above sea level, and offers stunning views of both the Sonoma and Napa Valleys. 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: | 695 cases |
| Harvest Date: | October 2-15, 2011 |
| Cooperage: | 73% new French oak: Rousseau, Damy, François Freres |
| Bottle Date: | March 11, 2013 |
| Release Date: | Scheduled for June 2013 |

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