



Wine Profile
Moone-Tsai 2012 Black List-7

Tasting Notes

Our Black List-7 represents a study in daring, dramatic red wine blends. With remarkable fruit from three pedigreed vineyard blocks, the wine shows what can happen at the hands of a gifted winemaker whose legend continues to ascend with his verve and conviction. In its aromatics and palate, this striking combination of cabernet sauvignon, petit verdot and merlot introduces itself as a serious wine. With this, the wine is juicy, but restrained, while presenting an intriguingly tasty combination of ripe dark fruits, complemented with tantalizing hints of cumin and other earthy spices. Displaying angular tannins, and 24 months of aging in 40% new French oak, the wine is focused and alert...while counterpointed with the kind of intrigue to recall Clint Eastwood's breakthrough ...in the epic *Fistful of Dollars*.

The fruit for this four barrel-production is sourced from three vineyard blocks, whose origins can be found in prime locations among Napa's finest growing regions. With a cabernet backbone coming from a small parcel located on the northwest edge of Coombsville; and petit verdot from amidst the rocky, well-drained soils of Dutch Henry Canyon; the wine is capped with merlot from a cherished block that enjoys a 2100 foot elevation on Howell Mountain.

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:	70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 25% Petit Verdot, 5% Merlot
Vineyards:	Pritchard Hill, Coombsville, St. Helena
Production:	95 cases
Harvest Date:	October 1 st – 30 th , 2012
Cooperage:	40% new French oak (24 months); St. Martin, Fr. Freres, Taransaud
Bottle Date:	January 27, 2015
Release Date:	Feb/March 2016

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