



**Wine Profile**  
**Moone-Tsai 2012 Napa Valley Chardonnay**

**Tasting Notes**

The nose of our 2012 Napa Valley Chardonnay beckons with alluring aromas of exotic tropical fruits and lightly toasted brioche. Full in the mouth with rich, ripe fruit; the wine reveals delicate leesy notes, along with a well-balanced acidity. By way of barrel fermentation and 18 months of aging in 75% new French oak, the wine is both pretty and plush... leaving a memorable impression of elegance, structure, brightness 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 feet 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.

**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:	100% Chardonnay
Vineyards:	Bald Mountain
Production:	550 cases
Harvest Date:	Sept 20 – 27, 2012
Cooperage:	75% new French oak: Rousseau, Damy, François Freres
Bottle Date:	April 11, 2014
Release Date:	Scheduled for June 2014

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