



MOONE ♦ TSAI

Wine Profile

Moone-Tsai 2013 Black List-VIII

Tasting Notes

In the Chinese culture, the number eight is considered especially auspicious, even magical, and is imbued with connotations of good fortune and prosperity. With this, we admire the densely garnet hues of our Black List-8 proprietary red blend that, true to its origins, 700 feet off the valley floor in St. Helena, reveals itself as a very serious, albeit tantalizing wine. At the outset, the wine's aromatics gently announce with hints of cedar and anise giving way to a teased unveiling, layer by layer, of rich, ripe black fruit. Black currant flavors entice invitingly, only to give way to an opulent mid-palate that conjures up ripe black cherries, black tea, and cacao nibs. Creamy tannins, delicate oak and a light acidity provide for a beautifully balanced, plush ride and satisfying finish ...bringing to mind the soulful Etta James who reminds us of what awaits those whose patience is judiciously applied. "*At Last!*"...indeed.

The fruit for this five barrel-production hails from a coveted vineyard block, whose glorious origins have been the basis of recent and notable "century-score" wines. The rest is sworn to secrecy!

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% Cabernet Sauvignon
Vineyards:	St. Helena
Production:	120 cases
Harvest Date:	September 18 th , 2013
Cooperage:	60% new French oak (23 months); St. Martin, Fr. Freres, Taransaud
Bottle Date:	July 2, 2015
Release Date:	March 2016

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