



Wine Profile
Moone-Tsai 2013 Napa Valley Chardonnay

Tasting Notes

The nose of our 2013 Napa Valley Chardonnay playfully beckons with delicate notes of lemon curd, and grapefruit. Minerally-accented at the outset, the wine gracefully moves to a fullness in the mouth with rich, ripe fruit highly reminiscent of an artfully prepared Bananas Foster; revealing a satisfying mid-palate, subtle leesy notes, and a well-balanced acidity. By way of barrel fermentation and 16 months of aging in X% new French oak, the wine is both pretty and plush... leaving a memorable impression of elegance, structure, brightness and versatility. Aged 16 months in 60% new French oak the wine has undergone 100% malolactic fermentation.

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:	350 cases
Harvest Date:	Sept 20-25, 2013
Cooperage:	60% new French oak: Rousseau, Damy, François Freres
Bottle Date:	April 16, 2015
Release Date:	Scheduled for June 2015

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