



**Wine Profile**  
**Moone-Tsai 2015 Black List XIX – Las Posadas**

**Tasting Notes**

Gloriously “*deep purple*” in hue, aromas of blackberry, black cherry, and peppercorn announce the arrival of our Black List XIX with a declarative bravado. True to its Howell Mountain origins, this 100% Cabernet Sauvignon presents itself as a spirited front-man to what Las Posadas can bestow. Smatterings of cassis layered with notes of ripe black plum, licorice, sweet oak, and spice create a rich rendition of flavor, complexity and texture . When framed by the grainy tannins that engender the grip and structure emblematic of this noble appellation, the ride to the finish issues a satisfying and resounding deliverance.

Boldly expressive, exuberant, and on the verge of brashness, this Black List selection is bound to please in a fashion that is reminiscent of the classic American rock n’ roll icons, Van Halen ...featuring the rambunctious likes of Eddie Van Halen, David Lee Roth, and company ...who rose to acclaim exhorting all of us to...*Jump!* (...which is much easier said than done from 2100 feet above the fog line.)

The grapes that made this wine were grown in an east-facing hillside Howell Mountain vineyard perched 2100 feet above the Napa Valley floor, located just outside of the Rancho. The terraced vineyard is planted on an extreme slope, producing thick-skinned clusters capable of creating a wine with intensity, structure, elegance, and weight.

**Winemaker: Philippe Melka**, Bordeaux-bred (*Chateau Haut Brion, Petrus*) and – 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:	Howell Mountain
Production:	135 cases
Harvest Date:	Oct 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2015
Cooperage:	85% new French oak (22 months): St. Martin, Francois Freres, Taransaud
Bottle Date:	June 7, 2017
Release Date:	Scheduled for November 2019

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