



Wine Profile
Moone-Tsai 2015 Black List XVIII

Tasting Notes

Bright ruby red in hue, our Black List XVIII beckons with enticing aromas of black and red fruits, and hints of shaved cedar. At the outset, the stealthy attack invites inspection with a layered salutation of flavors marked by blackberry, black cherry, plum, earth and cherry cola. Alluring, but focused, the wine's underlying vigor reveals itself with a pleasing acidity, and purposeful structure defined by finely grained tannins that help affirm a satisfying and lengthy finish. While "pretty and pleasing" are likely to be recorded as first impressions of this coy cabernet; the wine's ultimate bearing reveals a more deliberate and purposeful actor. For those who may be familiar with the Emmy-award winning television series, *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, you might find some resemblance between this Black List selection and the series' truly marvelous lead character, Miriam "Midge" Maisel, played by the fetching Rachel Brosnahan...to widespread critical acclaim.

Much of this Cabernet Sauvignon was sourced from Caldwell Block 16 in Coombsville, an area of southeast Napa Valley where soils are characterized by a unique blend of red volcanic soils and clay. The vineyard is planted on a gently sloping plateau, and the comparatively temperate climate of the area, versus the warmer territory up valley, serves to lengthen the growing season. The grapes are allowed to achieve full ripeness without the pressure of heat extremes common in warmer areas, and low vigor soils throughout the vineyard create small, dense clusters. With the addition of vibrant dark fruit from our preferred vineyard sources in St. Helena and Soda Canyon, the resulting wine is expressive and evocative.

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:	Coombsville, St. Helena, Soda Canyon
Production:	135 cases
Harvest Date:	Sep 4 th – Oct 16 th , 2015
Cooperage:	85% new French oak (22 months): St. Martin, Francois Freres, Taransaud
Bottle Date:	June 7, 2017
Release Date:	Scheduled for September 2019

Available in 6/12-packs

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