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Wine Profile

Moone-Tsai 2016 Black List XXI

Tasting Notes

Deeply dark ruby in the glass, this 100% Cabernet Sauvignon offers a stentorian testimonial to its Soda Canyon origins. Hints of black fruit, cedar and sweet baking spices create anticipation that is rewarded by a fulsome attack led by ripe blackberry, black cherry, with notes of anise, tamarind and dried herbs. Demonstrating purposeful focus through and through, the mid-palate is grippy and concentrated, while revealing refined layering and complexity. Aged 20 months in 42% new French oak, the wine portends a graceful arc to maturity, by virtue of its lightly muscled structure, deft agility and pleasing acidity. Finishing with a flourish and resolve, the wine begs comparison to the legendary ballet dance-performer and choreographer, Rudolph Nureyev, who at the height of his brilliant career atop the dance world, left audiences breathless and asking for more. Encore...indeed!

Much of this Cabernet Sauvignon was sourced from a scenic 17-acre vineyard located south of the renowned Stags Leap District at the cooler southern end of Napa Valley. A creek divides the parcel, with one side characterized by classic volcanic soils that produce smaller, low-yielding vines that generate wines with powerful tannins. The soil on the other side is more loamy and deep, supporting bigger and stronger vines that make for more generous, layered wines. The end result conforms to a more European-style tannic structure with a clear focus on the purity of the fruit.

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:	Soda Canyon, Atlas Peak
Production:	147 cases
Harvest Date:	Sept. 27 th – Oct. 5 th , 2016
Cooperage:	42% new French oak (20 months): St. Martin, Francois Freres, Taransaud
Bottle Date:	June 26, 2018
Release Date:	Scheduled for April 2020

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