



**Wine Profile**  
**Moone-Tsai 2016 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon**

**Tasting Notes**

The deep ruby red hues of our 2016 Napa Valley Cabernet combine with suggestive aromas of black and red fruit and spice...to signal a fragrant alert to the senses. Center-stage, flavors of blackberry, Bing cherry, and dried cranberry arrive *en-pointe*, with touches of tamarind, anise, pepper, and graphite further piquing the palate. With the wine's backbone hailing from hillside sites found in the upper and lower reaches of Napa Valley, a fresh minerality and vivacity keynote the wine's pleasing acidity and elegantly delineated structure. Twenty months of barrel-aging in 40% new French oak frame the wine with dexterity, enabling a graceful and lengthy finish. Agile, pretty, long, and focused, this lovely vintage of our calling-card Cabernet brings to mind the remarkable talents of the acclaimed actress, Natalie Portman, who in her marquee role as prima ballerina, Nina, earned her first Academy Award as Best Actress, in the unforgettable 2010 film, *Black Swan*.

Much of this Cabernet Sauvignon was sourced from the Caldwell Vineyard 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 on Howell Mountain, 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:	88% Cabernet Sauvignon; 12% Merlot
Vineyards:	Coombsville, St. Helena, Howell Mountain
Production:	824 cases
Harvest Date:	Sep 16 <sup>th</sup> – Oct 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2016
Cooperage:	Twenty months: 40% new French oak: St. Martin, Fr. Freres, Taransaud
Bottle Date:	June 25, 2017
Release Date:	Scheduled for February 2019

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