



MOONE + TSAI

Wine Profile

Moone-Tsai 2019 Cor Leonis Cabernet Sauvignon

This remarkable cabernet in its especially limited production quantities, receives our *Cor Leonis* designation, to mark its position as Moone Tsai's *signature* Cabernet Sauvignon. *Transfixed by the brightest star in the constellation Leo, the Romans dubbed it Cor Leonis, the "Heart of the Lion."*

Tasting Notes

In a season marked by copious rainfall and a long warm summer, the stage was set for the 2019 vintage's remarkable wines. Abundant hang-time teased out great color, structure and tannins yielding exceptional fruit with bright acidity and ample texture.

Dark ruby red verging on opacity, the 2019 vintage of our signature Cabernet is a wine to behold, though diving-in should not be delayed. At first whiff, black fruits predominate, albeit with gentle nods to cassis, sandalwood, and shaved cedar. While the wine is fresh and forward, it retains an underlying energy that vibrates from its resolute attack onward. Layered, lush and demonstrative, the palate cuts loose with throaty chords of ripe blackberry, dark cherry, spice, and exotic dark chocolate (75%+ Madagascar Criollo!), all presented against a deftly delineated backdrop, engendered by the wine's aging for 18 months in 70% new French oak. As no performance should close without a finale, the wine finishes long with a notable flourish worthy of an exuberant encore. Deep, dark, and intriguing, one cannot help but think of the iconic Rock & Roll Hall of Fame chanteuse, Joan Jett, who during her heyday as frontwoman for *The Black Hearts*, captured all our hearts in sweet surrender.

Vineyards: Our 2019 vintage demonstrates a remarkable range and complexity befitting its origins from a trifecta of Napa Valley's most celebrated vineyard blocks. This richly expressive wine draws its prized fruit from Pritchard Hill, St. Helena, and Caldwell Vineyard's legendary Block-15 – whose vines have flourished in the rocky, volcanic soils of the heralded Coombsville District for over 30 years.

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:	Pritchard Hill, Coombsville, St. Helena
Production:	360 cases
Harvest Date:	October 8 th – November 1 st , 2019
Cooperage:	18 months, 70% new French oak; Taransaud, Ermitage, St. Martin
Bottle Date:	June 24, 2021
Release Date:	November 2022

Available in 3/6/12-packs, and large format bottles

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