



MOONE + TSAI

### Wine Profile

## Moone-Tsai 2021 Black List XXXII

### Tasting Notes

The 2021 vintage will be remembered for low yields delivering intensely flavored, small-sized berries tied to a smooth and uneventful growing season. The scant rains through the winter and early spring led to the second year of drought conditions. While more rain would have been welcomed (invariably so), these dryer conditions resulted in a more natural load on the vines, requiring less pruning and dropping of fruit. Smaller yields characterized the season's highly anticipated outcome – glorious grapes packed with flavor.

Upon first inspection, this 100% Cabernet Sauvignon telegraphs a deep, dark ruby intensity whose alluring introduction plays out in spades. Expressive but refined on the nose, suggestions of black fruit, pomegranate and spice invite further attention. Beyond this introduction, the wine stands and delivers. Dense and juicy, the attack is marked by blackberry, cassis, black coffee, and cocoa nib. Fermented in stainless steel tanks (3-days cold soak, 23 days on skins), and aged 18 months in 75% new French Oak, the wine reveals pleasing notes of sweet oak, a refined structure and a fresh, stony acidity. Delicately balanced with medium+ body, the wine shows a measured, intriguing intensity, and finishes handsomely with length and refinement. Strong and focused, reticent yet resolved, our Black List XXXII brings to mind Hollywood's most intriguing new face, Lily Gladstone, who in her breakout role as Molly Burkart in Martin Scorsese's brilliant *Killers of the Flower Moon*, showcases a talent for the ages.

The backbone for this remarkable 100% Cabernet Sauvignon features sixteen different heritage clones of Cabernet Sauvignon vines. The twenty micro-blocks that mark this unique parcel are located on a gradual western slope in the Yountville AVA, adjacent to Stags Leap. Flourishing in the volcanic soils comprised of gravelly alluvial deposits layered on top of sandstone bedrock, the soils are similar to those found on nearby Pritchard Hill. With the addition of vibrant dark fruit from Soda Canyon, the resulting wine is expressive and elegant.

**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:	Yountville, Soda Canyon
Production:	200 cases
Harvest Date:	September/October, 2021
Cooperage:	18-months: 75% new French oak: St. Martin, Fr. Freres, Taransaud
Bottle Date:	June 1, 2021
Release Date:	March 1, 2024

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