



PHILIPPE MELKA – WINEMAKER, MOONE-TSAI VINEYARDS

Bordeaux-bred and mentored by the world’s most revered wine masters, Philippe brings to winemaking a philosophy that is elegant in its simplicity, and bewitching to its beholders.

“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.”

Charming, straightforward and genteel, Philippe is quick to credit the masterful influences of Delmas and Masclef from Haut-Brion; Moueix and Berrouet from Petrus; Paul Draper from Ridge; and Michel Rolland from Chateau Pasteur. And yet, the imprint he has left wherever he has applied his “touch” is unmistakable. Having put the likes of Dominus, Hundred Acre, Bryant Family Vineyards, and Dana Estates on the map for discerning cabernet enthusiasts, the fact that Robert Parker named Philippe “one of the world’s top nine consulting winemakers” is no coincidence.

Philippe is creating extraordinary wines for Moone-Tsai that bear the imprimatur of his celebrated winemaking style, and the winery’s core artisanal values, all revealed in the classic combination of distinctive vineyard, terroir and fruit. From this, Moone-Tsai proudly presents exceptional wines of concentrated elegance and finesse, beguilingly balanced with strength, power, and subtle exuberance.