



Wine Profile
Moone-Tsai 2014 *Cor Leonis* Cabernet Sauvignon

This remarkable cabernet in its especially limited production quantities, receives our *Cor Leonis* designation, to mark its position as the very “best of our best” wines that we produce. *Transfixed by the brightest star in the constellation Leo, the Romans dubbed it **Cor Leonis**, the “Heart of the Lion.”*

Tasting Notes

Bearing an extraordinary combination of fruit from a trifecta of Napa Valley’s most celebrated vineyard blocks, the 2014 *Cor Leonis* Cabernet is the epitome of our winemaking philosophy. With its ruby red hues beckoning; aromas of black cherry, and softly tanned leather alluringly announce the wine’s arrival. Upon entry, one’s palate is greeted by a teasing mélange of dense black fruit, plum and wild raspberry, accompanied by hints of cedar and baking spices. With barrel aging at 28 months in 92% new French oak, the winemaker’s delicate oak treatment frames the wine handsomely, revealing a notable structure, deft layering, and a beguiling complexity. Featuring finely grained tannins and a stony-fresh minerality, the wine concludes with a long lingering finish, making for a judicious juxtaposition of power, refinement, and finesse.

This richly expressive wine draws its prized fruit from Beckstoffer’s heralded To Kalon Vineyard, 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. The clone of Cabernet grown on this vineyard is prized for its complexity and depth, and the company of wines sourced from this vineyard is noteworthy.

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:	To Kalon, Caldwell/Coombsville, St. Helena
Production:	330 cases
Harvest Date:	October 3 rd - 7 th , 2014
Cooperage:	92% new French oak; Taransaud, Ermitage, St. Martin
Bottle Date:	February 15, 2017
Release Date:	September 25, 2017

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

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