



**Wine Profile**  
**Moone-Tsai 2015 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon**

**Tasting Notes**

Deep ruby in hue, our 2015 Napa Valley Cabernet presents a tantalizing study of sensory juxtapositions. On the nose, the wine entices with aromas of blackberry, Bing cherry, and delicately nuanced new oak, offset by hints of tamarind, and sweet baking spices. Displaying a notable freshness with medium acidity, the wine's palate demonstrates layered complexity, featuring notes of dense blackberry, cherry cola, graphite and earth. Finely grained tannins from sweet oak help frame the wine, revealing a satisfying combination of sinewy agility, finesse, and a handsomely articulated finish that is as focused and direct as Rafael Nadal's classic one-handed forehand stroke.

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:	90% Cabernet Sauvignon; 10% Merlot
Vineyards:	Coombsville, St. Helena, Howell Mountain
Production:	777 cases
Harvest Date:	Sep 4 <sup>th</sup> – Oct 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2015
Cooperage:	40% new French oak: St. Martin, Fr. Freres, Taransaud
Bottle Date:	June 7, 2017
Release Date:	Scheduled for September 2018

**Available in 6/12-packs**

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