



MOONE + TSAI

Wine Profile

Moone-Tsai 2015 *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

With an inviting nose of blackberry, plum, anise seed, and cedar, our signature 100% Cabernet presents a richly nuanced study of power, complexity, and finesse. On the palate, the attack is clearly characterized by the wine’s pleasing acidity, purity, and exceptional balance, giving way to a marvelous mélange of concentrated black fruit, cocoa nib, accented by hints of freshly drawn espresso, wet stone and flint. Smooth, creamy tannins and sweet oak contribute to the wine’s delineated structure and complexity, leading to a long and eloquent finish that resonates with gravitas and purpose. Recalling the masterful screen actor, Morgan Freeman, a comparison of “fine finishes” compels us to recall his portrayal of the humble, but profoundly wise Ellis “Red” Redding, in *The Shawshank Redemption*, whose soulful grace and substance are conveyed at the close of this remarkable film’s memorable rooftop scene:

- *“We sat and drank with the sun on our shoulders, and felt like free men. Hell, we could have been tarring the roof of one of our own houses. We were the lords of all creation. As for Andy, he spent that break bunkered in the shade, a strange little smile on his face, watching us drink his beer.”*

Vineyard: Our 2015 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 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:	400 cases
Harvest Date:	September 4 th – October 2 nd , 2015
Cooperage:	85% new French oak; Taransaud, Ermitage, St. Martin
Bottle Date:	June 7, 2017
Release Date:	September 2018

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

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