



MOONE + TSAI

Wine Profile

Moone-Tsai 2016 *Cor Leonis* Cabernet Sauvignon

This remarkable cabernet in its especially limited production quantities, receives our *Cor Leonis* designation, to mark its position as Moone Tsai's *signature* Cabernet Sauvignon. *Transfixed by the brightest star in the constellation Leo, the Romans dubbed it Cor Leonis, the "Heart of the Lion."*

Tasting Notes

Deeply dark-ruby red in the glass, the glorious outcome to 2016's nearly perfect growing season is on fine display in this eleventh vintage of our signature cabernet. With a steady, mild July and August, followed by a series of warm days at the end of the growing season, our vineyard blocks were able to progress to exquisite ripeness. Emboldened by these conditions, aromas of black fruit, finely milled oak, cherry cola and hints of eucalyptus signal "Game-ON!", while surreptitiously providing only a glimpse of the wine's attack that lies patiently in wait. Teasing flavors of ripe blackberry, cassis, pomegranate and cocoa nib taunt the palate against the backdrop of a handsomely-muscled structure defined by finely grained tannins and sweet oak. Displaying remarkable balance, layered complexity and delicate acidity; the wine's hallmarks of power, agility and finesse reveal themselves, allowing for a gracefully arcing stride to a lengthy and triumphant finish. Admiring the phenomenally gifted Giannis Antetokounmpo (a.k.a. the "Greek Freak") gliding through the NBA's hardwood en route to one of his gravity-defying leaps through the paint; one can't help but think that the Milwaukee Buck's power forward-*unicorn* and our signature Cabernet may have something in common.

Vineyard: Our 2016 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 Pritchard Hill, 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:	Pritchard Hill, Caldwell/Coombsville, St. Helena
Production:	400 cases
Harvest Date:	September 27 th – October 9 th , 2016
Cooperage:	50% new French oak; Taransaud, Ermitage, St. Martin
Bottle Date:	February 14, 2019
Release Date:	May 2019

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

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