



Wine Profile
Moone-Tsai 2016 Napa Valley Chardonnay

Tasting Notes

The nearly perfect growing conditions of the 2016 vintage are on fine display with the eighth vintage of our celebrated Napa Valley Chardonnay. Starting with steady, mild conditions through the summer, a series of warm days at the end of the growing season helped bring the fruit to perfect ripeness at pick-time. With notes of honeysuckle, nectarine, and tropical fruit on the nose, the wine's aromatics give way to a richly contoured palate that is notable for its plushness and adroit delivery of balance and acidity. Aged 19-months in 33% new French oak, the wine's delicate framing complements flavors of caramelized peach, mango, pineapple and sweet oak to create a sultry expression of what our remarkable Bald Mountain vineyard blocks are particularly known-for. Closing with a soft yet sumptuous finish, the wine in its completeness, brings-to-mind the Grammy-award-winner, Adele, and her soulfully rendered testimonial to "*Someone Like You*".

Bald Mountain, a neighbor of Mount Veeder, is situated in the Mayacamas Mountains on the western border of the Napa Valley. The south-facing vineyard sits at nearly 1600 feet above sea level, and offers stunning views of both the Sonoma and Napa Valleys, as well as of Marin's Mt. Tamalpais to the south. Cool sunshine is abundant throughout the growing season, allowing the grapes to ripen slowly while varietal character evolves completely.

Winemaker: Philippe Melka, Bordeaux-bred (*Chateau Haut Brion, Petrus*) and— recently 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% Chardonnay
Vineyards:	Bald Mountain
Production:	303 cases
Harvest Date:	September 8, 2016
Cooperage:	37% new French oak (Burgundian) Marcel Cadet, Rousseau, Francois Frères Dargaud et Jaegle (light to medium toast)
Bottle Date:	March 21, 2018
Release Date:	May 15, 2018

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