



Wine Profile
Moone-Tsai 2012 *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 2012 Cor Leonis Cabernet is the epitome of our winemaking philosophy. Announcing itself with ripe black fruit on the nose, the wine bears all the hallmarks of a classic storied cabernet. Lush in the mouth, the wine teases with cocoa powder, hints of sweet vanilla, and wet stone. Twenty four months of framing in 90% new French oak provides elegant framing for this wine’s concentration and boldness. With its seamless integration of both sweet and finely grained tannins, the wine is opulent on the palate, and delivers a silky finish of length and elegance.

This richly expressive wine draws its prized fruit from Beckstoffer’s heralded To Kalon Vineyard, Pritchard Hill, 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— 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% Cabernet Sauvignon
Vineyards:	Caldwell/Coombsville District, To Kalon, Pritchard Hill
Production:	439 cases
Harvest Date:	October 20 – 30, 2012
Cooperage:	90% new French oak; Taransaud, Ermitage, St. Martin
Bottle Date:	January 28, 2015
Release Date:	Scheduled for September-2015

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

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