



Wine Profile
Moone-Tsai 2012 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

Tasting Notes

With the ripeness, concentration, and balance that cooler climate cabernet lovers have come to expect, our 2012 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon speaks “Coombsville” ...loud and clear. Upon arrival, the wine’s nose beckons with black currant, wild strawberry and licorice; ...only to give way to a delicately textured mid-palate and delightful complexity of dark fruit, rhubarb, dried herbs and wet stone. Displaying a pleasing acidity, smoothly integrated tannins, and 19 months of barrel aging in 62% new French oak, the wine’s freshness and agility concludes with a satisfying finish of black fruit and leather.

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 on Howell Mountain, the resulting wine is expressive and evocative.

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:	80% Cabernet Sauvignon; 20% Merlot
Vineyards:	Coombsville, Soda Canyon District, Howell Mountain
Production:	905 cases
Harvest Date:	Sep 28 th – Oct 21 st , 2012
Cooperage:	62% new French oak: St. Martin, Fr. Freres, Taransaud
Bottle Date:	June 3, 2014
Release Date:	Scheduled for September 2015

Available in 6/12-packs

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