



Wine Profile
Moone-Tsai 2019 Black List XXX

Tasting Notes

In a season marked by copious rainfall, and a long warm summer, the stage was set for the 2019 vintage's remarkable wines. Abundant hang-time teased out great color, structure and tannins yielding exceptional fruit with bright acidity and ample texture.

Ruby red in hue with glints of violet, our first-ever 100% Cabernet Franc is proudly presented with appropriate anticipation, given its standing as our selection for this 30th edition of remarkable Black List releases. The nose is expressive, offering notes of red, blue, and black fruits with a graceful ebullience. Ripe raspberry, juniper and blueberry mark the attack, as do suggestions of fennel and dry herbs. Aged for 18-months in 60% new French Oak, the wine displays medium-plus acidity and exceptional balance, evincing a delineated structure delineated by silky, supple tannins. Lithe, agile and focused from its opening entreaty to a memorable landing at the finish; the wine is reminiscent of the beguiling actress Mila Kunis, in her memorable role as Lily, the deliciously viperish Black Swan (Odile), clearly a ballerina on a mission in the acclaimed thriller, *Black Swan*. Mighty tasty.

The marvelous Cabernet Franc that goes into this extraordinary wine hails from a precious, little known family vineyard located on the eastern side of Oak Knoll. Planted ten years ago on rocky soils using Clone 211 on 1616C rootstock, the vines on this site enjoy temperate conditions and excellent drainage, making for wines that are known for their savory dark character, and delicate acidity.

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 Franc
Vineyards:	Palisades/Calistoga, Yountville
Production:	170 cases
Harvest Date:	October 25 th , 2019
Cooperage:	18-months: 60% new French oak: St. Martin, Fr. Freres, Taransaud
Bottle Date:	June 23, 2021
Release Date:	May 1, 2024

For more information: Visit www.moonetsai.com, or contact info@moonetsai.com