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“Love At First Taste”

Alluring, ripe and fragrant, the nose crescendos from freshly sliced vanilla pods and lilac beds into a bevy of rich red and black fruits. In turn raspberry, black cherry, strawberry, blackberry and huckleberry are all present-yet with this cornucopia there is no overcrowding, as if one fruit continuously shifts into another, mercurial and whimsical. Following in are earthy notes of espresso, cocoa nib, and wet tobacco, that promise strength and beautiful integration. The mouthfeel has great harmony where all the ingredients are there to deliver a modern wine style with ripe fruits and an overwhelmingly long finish, the wine is so textural yet extremely vibrant and the blockbuster tannins are surprisingly perfectly integrated at such a young age. Born from a resounding vintage and a deep philosophy of luxury and excellence, the 11th vintage of Tusk may indeed be the most spectacular offering to date.

- Philippe Melka

Production: 500 cases

Varietal: Cabernet Sauvignon

Vineyards: 5 Napa Valley vineyards, predominantly Oakville & Pritchard Hill Appellations

Aging: 30 months in new French Oak

Bottling: February 2020 Release: March 2022

Maturity: 25+ years

Important: Tusk should be decanted and enjoyed at 60F-65F