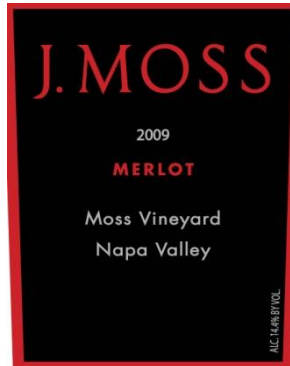


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2009 Moss Estate Vineyard Napa Valley Merlot



Harvest Date

October 2009

Vineyard Appellation:

Napa Valley, CA

Varietals composition

100% Merlot

Alcohol 14.4%

pH 3.81

TA 6.24 g/l

Aging

21 months on 100% French Oak

Production

50 Cases

James W. Moss, Winemaker

The 2009 Vintage

The 2009 Merlot is the 2nd bottling from the J. Moss vineyard in Napa Valley, CA. The vineyard is located in the southern most part of Napa County at the Moss property. This single vineyard 2009 Merlot is produced in the Bordeaux style with 100% Merlot.

Winemaking

The grapes were harvested the third week of October at 25 degree Brix. They were hand picked into ½ ton bins, gently destemmed, cold soaked for 48 hours and fermented in T'bins. The grapes were hand punched down twice a day until dry. The wine then went through extended maceration on the skins for 5 days for full extraction of color. The wine was pressed to barrel for malolactic fermentation, racked off and put into 100% new French barrels for 21 months to ensure their complex flavors. Each barrel was hand racked four times before it was bottled.

Tasting notes

This Merlot is packed with a good mix of nice ripe blueberry and sweet black cherry and plum. This medium to full bodied wine has nice structure and balanced with soft tannins that lead to an amazingly long finish.