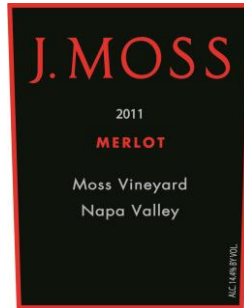


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2011 Moss Estate Vineyard Napa Valley Merlot



Harvest Date
October 2011

Vineyard Appellation:
Napa Valley, CA

Varietals composition
100% Merlot

Alcohol 14.4%

pH 3.71

TA 6.5 g/l

Aging
21 months on 100% French Oak

Production
50 Cases

James W. Moss, Winemaker

The 2011 Vintage

The 2011 Merlot vineyard is located in the southern most part of Napa County at the Moss property. This single vineyard 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 3 days to help with color and fresh fruit 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 sweet blueberry, blackberrys and plum. This medium bodied wine has nice structure with soft tannins that lead to an amazingly long finish.