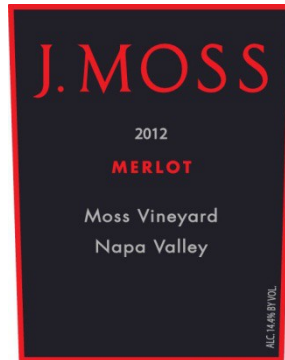


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2012 Moss Estate Vineyard Napa Valley Merlot



The 2012 Vintage

The 2012 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 in September at 25.5° Brix. We hand picked our Estate grapes, cool at dawn into ½ ton bins, then gently destemmed and cold soaked 4 days to help with color and aromatic fruit profile, then fermented in small lot fermenters. The grapes were hand punched down three times a day until dry then pressed to barrels for malolactic fermentation, racked off and put into 100% new French barrels for 22 months elevage to ensure their rich, complex flavors. Each barrel was hand racked four times before it was bottled.

Tasting Notes

Our Estate Merlot has a silky mouthful with an inviting, layered mix of blackberry compote, fresh plum, black cherry and tea-smoked spices with a touch of mocha. This medium to full bodied wine has pleasing structure and balanced, soft tannins with a satisfying, fruit-driven lengthy finish. Excellent to savor on its own, or pair with roasted meats and vegetables to showcase its power and nuances.

Harvest Date

September 2012

Vineyard Appellation:

Napa Valley, CA

Varietals composition

100% Merlot

Alcohol 14.8%

pH 3.82

TA 5.51 g/l

Aging

22 months on 100% French Oak

Vintner / Winemaker

James W. Moss

Consulting Winemaker

Julie Hagler Lumgair