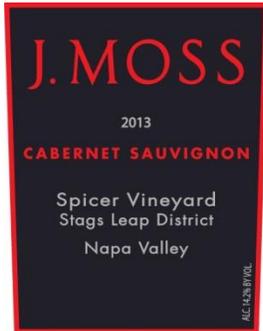


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2013 Spicer Vineyard, Stags Leap District Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon



Harvest Date

September 28, 2013

Vineyard Appellation:

Stags Leap District, Napa Valley

Varietals composition

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol 14.6%

pH 3.79

TA 5.03 g/l

Aging

25 months on 100% French Oak

Proprietor/Winemaker

James W. Moss

Consulting Winemaker

Julie Hagler Lumgair



Wine Spectator – 93 Points

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The 2013 Vintage

Napa's 2013 textbook vintage is a collector's classic. California's drought brought a warm, dry spring, driving early bud break. Vineyard conditions were ideal for flowering and fruit set under clear skies. Temperatures were in the zone for optimal vine activity as fruit went through veraison and started ripening, setting the stage to patiently await optimal phenolics and balanced acids for harvest.

Our 2013 Spicer Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon shows that textbook style with luscious density and opulence. 2013 marks our 15th vintage from this 1 acre gemstone family vineyard planted in the 1970's across Silverado Trail from Shafer. We have modified the pruning and trellis system over time to continually coax these historic old vines to produce their very best and resist vine damage common in older vineyards

Winemaking

We hand-harvested at dawn in late September at 25.7° Brix, picked cool, at 50° F into small bins. We hand sorted, destemmed and cold soaked for 4 days to assist with gentle extraction of deep colors, rich flavors and tannins from the grape skins then fermented in small lot ¾ ton fermenters. We carefully hand-punched down three times a day until dry, given the seed tanins' resolution of this unique old vine vineyard and epic vintage. We pressed to barrels for malolactic fermentation, racked off and continued elevation in 100% new French Oak for 28 months. Each barrel was hand racked four times and bottled with techniques that ensure maximum protection for aging cellar-worthy collector caliber wines.

Tasting notes

Opulent, pure, complex vineyard-specific expression, true to Stags Leap District's dense profile. Powerful yet elegant, with big, mouth-coating flavors, chewy refined tannins mid-palate and a persistent finish. Layers of aromatic creme de cassis, blackberry, chocolate mocha and espresso notes dominate our luscious full-bodied, long-finishing 100% Cabernet.

Classic collector's Napa Cabernet with deliciousness now but highly age worthy. Decant 1-10 years, enjoy 20+ years.