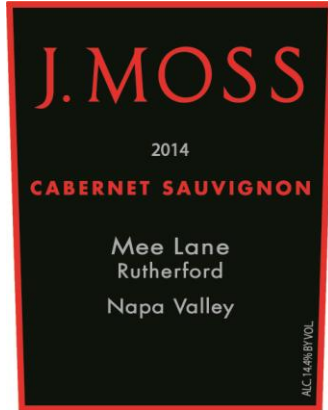


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2014 Mee Lane, Rutherford Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon



Harvest Date

September 21, 2014

Vineyard Appellation:

Rutherford
Napa Valley, CA

Varietals composition

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol 14.4%

pH 3.63

TA .61 g/l

Aging

28 months on 100% French Oak

Proprietor / Winemaker

James W. Moss

Consulting Winemaker

Julie Hagler Lumgair



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The 2014 Vintage

The 2014 vintage is an early keystone of a growing vertical series of vintages produced from the noted Mee Lane family vineyard in the world class Rutherford AVA of Napa Valley. This single vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is produced with precise hand-crafting in the Bordeaux style with 100% Cabernet Sauvignon that reflects longer time to develop fuller phenolics yet maintain acid balance on the vine due to its unusual row orientation and shading in a typically hotter AVA for Napa Valley Cabernet. The result is breathtaking, bringing traditional phenolics from micro-climate and balancing them naturally with the unique cooler micro-site's ability to maintain natural acidity and longer time on the vine vs. many neighboring blocks.

Winemaking

These grapes were hand-harvested in September 2014 at 25.6 degrees Brix. The grapes were picked cool, at 50 degrees F into small bins, gently destemmed, cold soaked for 4 days to assist with extraction of skin tannins, color and bright fruit, then fermented in 3/4 ton small lot fermenters. The fermentation was carefully hand-punched down two to three times a day on phenolic development until dry, given the seed tanins' resolution of this special vineyard and drought-influenced intense vintage. The wine was pressed to barrels for malolactic fermentation, racked off and continued elevage 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

It's an opulent wine, true to the classic Rutherford Dust dense, pure and saturated profile. Mouth-filling style with ample succulent layers of black fruits, creme de cassis, black currant, and bright blackberry, layered with chocolate mocha and spiced espresso notes. Substantial, yet supple tannins and bold fruit dominate this full-bodied, long-finishing, luscious 100% Clone 337 Cabernet. Decant 1-10 years, enjoy 20+ years.