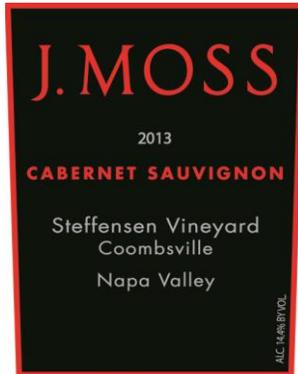


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2013 Steffensen Vineyard, Coombsville Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon



Harvest Date

October 5, 2013

Vineyard Appellation:

Coombsville
Napa Valley, CA

Varietals composition

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol 14.4%

pH 3.7

TA 4.9 g/l

Aging

25 months on 80% French Oak
& 20% American Oak

Proprietor / Winemaker

James W. Moss

Consulting Winemaker

Julie Hagler Lumgair



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The 2013 Vintage

Our 2013 Steffensen Vineyard 100% pure Cabernet Sauvignon showcases our passion for their family's noted vineyard. 2013 marks our fourth vintage of eight to date making signature wine from this site known for lush fruit balanced with bright acidity in the rising star Coombsville AVA which is producing some of Napa's most exciting new Cabernets.

Napa's 2013 textbook vintage is a collector's classic. California's drought brought a warm, dry spring, driving early bud break. Conditions were ideal for flowering and fruit set under clear skies. Coombsville fortunately avoided the bulk of a heat spike in late June/early July, and temperatures were consistently in the zone for optimal vine activity as fruit went through veraison and started ripening. The stage was set to patiently sample and await optimal phenolics and balanced acids.

Winemaking

We hand-harvested at dawn October 5, 2013 at 25.1° Brix. Our grapes were picked cool at 48° F into ½ ton bins, destemmed, cold soaked 4 days to gently optimize extraction of tannins, color and fresh fruit, then fermented in small lot ¾ ton fermenters. Fermentations were punched down by hand three times a day until dry then gently pressed to barrels for malolactic fermentation, then racked into 80% French barrels and 20% American for 24 months elevage, adding complex flavors and lush aromatics. Each barrel was hand-racked four times and bottled with techniques that ensure maximum protection for aging cellar-worthy collector caliber wines.

Tasting notes

Rich, full bodied, age-worthy Cabernet with ample layers of black cherry, bright cassis, hints of chocolate, cedar, sweet pipe tobacco and toasted spices. Substantial, yet supple tannins with a remarkably long, complex finish. Stylish, classic Bordeaux-styled collector's Napa Cabernet. Decant 1-10 years, enjoy 20+ years.