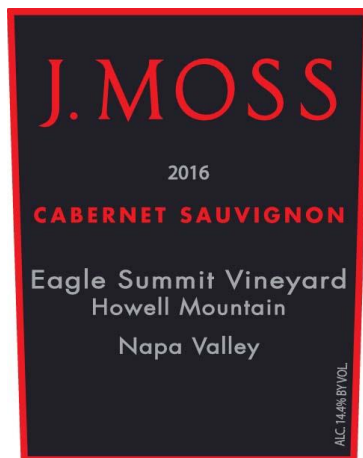


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## 2016 Eagle Summit, Howell Mountain Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon



### Harvest Date

October 8, 2016

### Vineyard Appellation:

Howell Mountain  
Napa Valley, CA

### Varietals composition

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol 14.4%

pH 3.78 TA .54 g/l

### Aging:

32 months on 100% French Oak  
(60% new & 40% once used barrels)

### Proprietor / Winemaker

James W. Moss

### Consulting Winemaker

Julie Hagler Lumgair

### The 2016 Vintage

The 100% pure Cabernet Sauvignon is from the noted Eagle Summit Vineyard in Howell Mountain. Vintage 2016 is the 1st bottling in this prestigious mountain vineyard. The wine showcases why Howell Mountain is a star AVA producing some of Napa's most exciting Cabernets in a higher AVA known for small berries and bright fruit profiles and well maintained acid structure.

### Winemaking

The grapes were hand-harvested in passes at dawn October 2016, at 25 Brix. Our grapes were picked cool at 46 F, destemmed, cold soaked for 5 days to gently optimize extraction of tannins, color and fresh fruit, then fermented in small lot 3/4 ton open top fermenters. The grapes were punched down by hand two to three times a day until dry. The wine was pressed to barrels for malolactic fermentation, then racked into 100% French barrels for its planned 32 months elevage, which will add complex flavors and lush aromatics. Each barrel was hand racked three times and bottled with techniques that ensure maximum protection for aging cellar-worthy collector caliber wines.

### Tasting notes

Silky, full bodied, age-worthy Cabernet with ample layers of ripe fresh fruit including blueberry, cassis, dried berries with hints of chocolate and walnut. Substantial, yet supple tannins with a remarkably long and balanced finish. Stylish, classic Bordeaux-styled collector's Napa Cabernet.

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