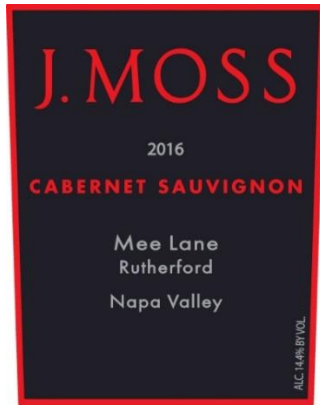


# J. MOSS

## 2016 Mee Lane, Rutherford Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon



Harvest Date: October 2016

Vineyard Appellation:  
Rutherford, Napa Valley, CA

Varietals composition  
100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Alcohol 14.4%  
pH 3.63 TA .61 g/l

Aging : 32 months on 100%  
French Oak

Proprietor / Winemaker  
James W. Moss

Consulting Winemaker  
Julie Hagler Lumgair



**JAMES SUCKLING.COM** – 92 Points  
**JEB DUNNUCK** – 91-93 Points

### The 2016 Vintage

The 2016 vintage is a keystone of a growing vertical series of vintages we have produced from the noted Mee Lane family vineyard in the world class Rutherford AVA of Napa Valley. This single vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon is being 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. .

### Winemaking

These grapes were hand-harvested at dawn in late September on various dates for optimal ripening at a vineyard average of 24.6 degrees Brix. They 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 tannins' resolution of this special vineyard and drought-influenced intense vintage. Our wine was pressed to barrels for malolactic fermentation, racked to a carefully selected mix 100% new French Oak for 32 months gentle elevage.

### Tasting notes

A complex, plush and full bodied, age-worthy Cabernet Sauvignon with ample layers of bright ripe fruits and succulent black cherries with hints of blueberry and toasted spices. Substantial and firm tannins round out this plush, well balanced wine with a remarkably long and delicious finish. Stylish, classic collector's Napa Cabernet. Drink or hold.