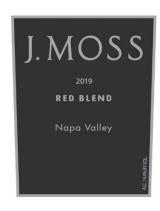


2019 Napa Valley Red Blend



Harvest Date:

October 2019

Vineyard Appellation:

Napa Valley, CA

Varietals composition

45% Cabernet Sauvignon33% Malbec22% Merlot

Alcohol 14.6% **pH** 3.57 **TA** 6.9 g/l

Aging

28 months on 85% French Oak and 15% American Oak (50% new and 50% one year old barrels)

Proprietor / Winemaker James W. Moss

Cases Produced 100

The 2019 Vintage

The 2019 vintage had a moderate weather growing season with a late bud break with veraison not ending until early August in some areas of the valley. Autumn brought hot days and cool nights which helped push the grapes to full ripening, while preserving their acidity. As a result, the wines produced from this vintage are rich, full and robust in flavor with deep rich color.

Winemaking

The grapes were hand-harvested in early October in the early morning when temperatures often dip to 50°F – to capture vibrant acidity and fruit expression in the wine. They were destemmed into small one ton open top bins while keeping the grapes cold by cold-soaking them for 4 days for gentle extraction of color and then fermented. During fermentation the grapes were carefully hand-punched down a couple times a day to develop a deep color, rich varietal characteristic and fine tannins. Once fermentation was complete and the wine was dry, the wine was pressed to barrels. Each barrel was hand racked three times and bottled with techniques that ensure maximum protection for aging cellar-worthy collector caliber wines.

Tasting notes

This limited production Red Wine blend consists of Cabernet Sauvignon 45%, Malbec 33% and Merlot 22% which accounts for the supple, lush, ripe dark fruit and velvety textures all while maintaining a rich and complex profile with a remarkably long finish. This is an easy drinking, enjoyable wine.