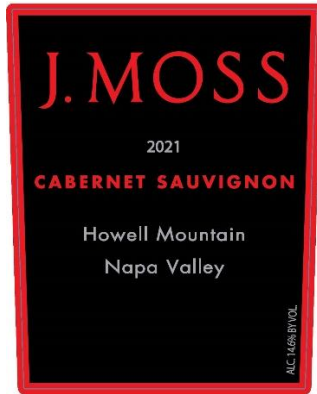


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## 2021 Howell Mountain Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon



### Harvest Date

October 19, 2021

### Vineyard Appellation:

Napa Valley, CA

### Varietals composition

100% Merlot

Alcohol 14.6%

pH 3.58 TA .58 g/l

### Aging

26 months on 100% New  
French Oak

### Proprietor / Winemaker

James W. Moss

### 2021 Growing Season

The 2021 growing season was colder than average with a drier than average spring. There were four total heat events over the growing season with the May and September heat events being outside the typical range for that time of year. The summer growing conditions were exceptionally good, making for ideal berry development. Both bloom and veraison, which typically last two to three weeks, happened in about a week. The start of harvest was early due to September being very warm. The yields for the year were below average, but from a quality standpoint, it was a quality vintage year!

### Winemaking

The grapes were hand-harvested in passes at dawn mid-October at 26 Brix. Our grapes were picked cool at 48F, destemmed, cold soaked for 4 days to gently optimize extraction of tannins, color and fresh fruit, then fermented in small lot 1 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 Oak barrels for 26 months elevage, which will add complex flavors and 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

Bright floral aromas impressively present on the palate. A extremely delicious wine that is well-structured and suitable for further aging. A full body and fine-grained tannins give plenty of texture without a lot of weight. The dried blueberries, blackcurrants and graphite notes play out and expand with each sip. Drinkable now or cellar.

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