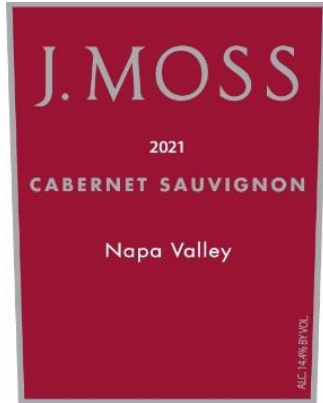


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2021 Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon

**Harvest Date:**

October 6, 2021

Vineyard Appellation:

Napa Valley, CA

Varietals composition

94% Cabernet Sauvignon

4% Merlot

2% Petite Sirah

Alcohol 14.4%

pH 3.74 **TA** 6.4 g/l

Aging:

26 months on French & American Oak
50% new & 50% once used barrels

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 that happen 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 vintage year!

Winemaking

The grapes were hand-harvested in passes at dawn beginning of October at 26 Brix. Our grapes were picked cool at 48 F, 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 French and American Oak barrels for 26 months, which will add complex flavors and aromatics. Each barrel was hand racked three times and then bottled with love and care needed to make Napa Cabernet.

Tasting notes

The medium to full bodied Cabernet Sauvignon has bright, juicy, rich flavors of black berries, black cherries along with beautiful structured hearty straightforward black fruit and smoky oak flavors with a smooth tannic texture. It's full-bodied, rich and ripe.

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