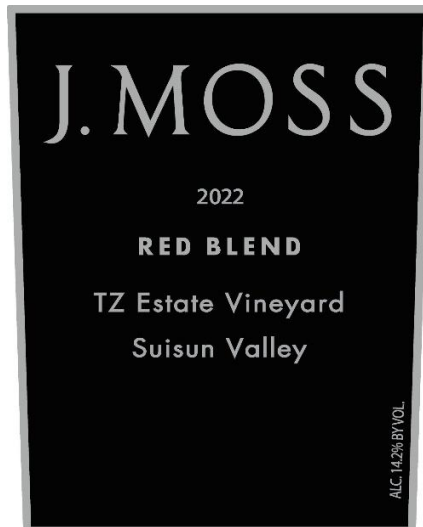


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2022 TZ Estate Vineyard Suisun Valley Red Blend



Harvest Date:

September 2022

Vineyard Appellation:

Suisun Valley, CA

Varietals composition

36% Cabernet Sauvignon

40% Malbec

4% Merlot

20% Petite Sirah

Alcohol 14.2%

PH 3.59 **TA** 6.9 g/l

Aging

26 months on 80% French Oak

and 20% American Oak

(50% new and 50% one year old
barrels)

Proprietor / Winemaker

James W. Moss

The 2022 Vintage

The 2022 growing season saw record-breaking weather events, with 80% of the total rainfall arriving before the new year. But was followed by the driest three months on record, leading to an early bud break. Despite the dry spell, healthier canopies resulted from earlier rains. The summer was generally average but slightly warmer than 2021. Harvest started 5 to 7 days earlier than the previous year and was 15% lighter but of exceptional quality. A Labor Day heat wave accelerated harvest, later cooled by a late September rain event. Overall, the 2022 harvest was the most condensed in recent memory.

Winemaking

The grapes were hand-harvested in September 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 3 days for 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.

Tasting notes

This Red Blend consists of Cabernet Sauvignon 36%, Malbec 40%, Merlot 4% & Petite Sirah 20% has juicy, lush, ripe dark fruit like Black & Blue Berries, Dark Plum with some hints of black cherries all while maintaining a rich mouth fill along with a complex profile with a remarkable finish. This is an easy drinking, enjoyable wine.