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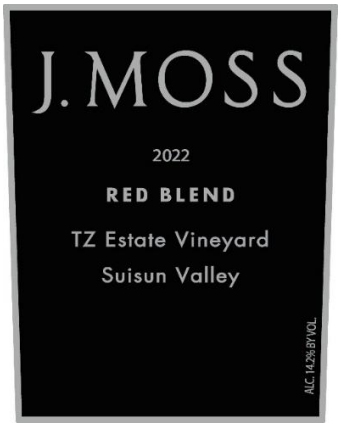
2022 TZ Estate Vineyard Suisun Valley
Red Blend



Harvest Date:
September 2022

Vineyard Appellation:
Suisun Valley, CA

Varietals composition
36% Cabernet Sauvignon
42% Malbec
22% 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 all that, The summer was generally average but slightly warmer than 2021. Harvest started a week earlier than the previous year and was lighter but of exceptional quality. A Labor Day heat wave accelerated harvest, then a late September rain. But overall, the 2022 harvest was a success.

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 42% & Petite Sirah 22%. It has juicy, lush, ripe dark fruit like black & blue berries and dark plum and hints of black cherries. It maintains a rich mouth feel along with a complex profile and a remarkable finish. This is an easy drinking, enjoyable wine.

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