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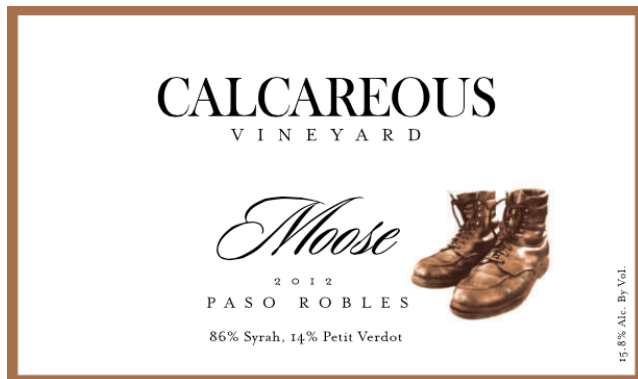
VINEYARD



Moose

2012

Calcareous Vineyard, Live Oak Vineyard – Paso Robles



Comments

Intensely dark purple in the glass, the wine radiates aromas of cocoa, dark berries and creamed honey. The weighty and luscious initial mouthfeel combines seamlessly with firm tannins full of blackberry, tar and loam. French oak notes of smokey cedar add complexity and help fill out the bold persistent finish.

Vineyards

The 2012 Moose is a showcase for the Syrah from our Estate vineyard. In this case it is the 2.65 acre block 8 clone 99 Syrah planted in 2002. This block is planted on an extremely steep section of our estate, thus the limestone is exposed with almost no top soil. The resulting fruit is an prime example of what farming on high pH (9.2) soils produces. We blended the Estate Syrah with Petit Verdot from the Live Oak Vineyard in the cooler Templeton Gap region which help increase the desired tannic weight and structure elements of the varietal.

Blend	86% Syrah, 14% Petit Verdot
Harvest	September 12, October 23
Avg. Brix	26.4
pH	3.7
TA	6.6 g/L
Cooperage	25% French Meyrieux barrels, 20% Cavin Barrels , 55% Once used 228L
Aging	28 Months
Production	420 Cases

Winemaker Notes

The Syrah for the 2012 Moose was destemmed and fermented in 2.5 ton open top stainless tanks. The tank was cold soaked for 3 days before onset of primary fermentation. A routine of 3 daily punch downs combined with a 3 hour *delestage* every other day followed, for a total of 27 days on skins. The fruit was gently pressed and 25% racked into a new French Meyrieux barrels which are known for their intense toasting and readily compliments a rich nose and complex finish. Another 20% was racked into new Cavin French barrels with medium toasting to help

add structural elements to the mid palate. The remaining 55% went into once used French and Hungarian cooperage. Upon completion of secondary fermentation, the wine was racked and combined with the Petit Verdot. The Petit Verdot was fermented in 1.5 ton open top tanks with a combination of punch downs and *delestage*. The finalized blend was returned to barrel and aged for a total of 28 months before bottling.