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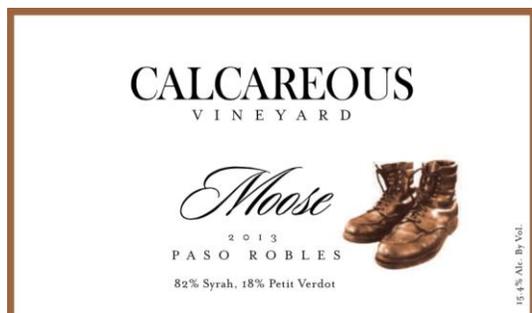
VINEYARD



Moose

2013

Calcareous Vineyard, Live Oak Vineyard – Paso Robles



Tasting Notes

Showing beautiful dark purple colors, the wine radiates powerful aromas of plum, licorice and creamed honey. The weighty upfront dark fruit combines seamlessly with tannins full of blackberry, tar and mineral loam. Notes of smoky cedar from the French oak integrate with natural skin and seed tannin to create the signature expansive finish of our Moose.

Vineyards

The 2013 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 a prime example of what farming on high pH (9.2) soils can produce. We blended the Estate Syrah with Petit Verdot from the Live Oak Vineyard, in the cooler Templeton Gap region, which helped to increase the desired tannic weight and structure elements of the varietal.

Winemaker Notes

The Syrah for this vintage was de-stemmed 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

Blend	82% Syrah, 18% Petit Verdot
Harvest	September 9, October 12
Avg. Brix	26.4
pH	3.7
Cooperage	25% French Meyrieux barrels, 20% Cavin Barrels, 55% Once used 228L
Aging	28 Months
Production	810 Cases

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% raked 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 raked 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. 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.