SPECIAL RELEASE

East Meets West





In the mountainous desert highlands of Ningxia, fifthgeneration winemaker Lenz Moser has teamed up with China's oldest and largest winery to make world-class Cabernet Sauvignon. He spoke with Vintages about the project.

Is Ningxia well suited to Cabernet Sauvignon?

It's perfect. The hot days and cold nights grow ripe, balanced fruit with the thickest skins I've ever seen for Cabernet.

How do these Cabernets compare with the world's best?

I'm travelling in Europe right now and will be meeting with industry experts to taste the wines of Chateau Changyu Moser XV side by side with top Bordeaux and Napa Valley wines. I feel that our Cabernets can stand with these wines and I'm excited to see the results!

Are the wines built for cellaring?

The thick grape skins give plenty of tannin structure. At the same time, there's also plenty of ripe fruit. So I'm very optimistic about the ageing potential of the wines, but they are very enjoyable now.

What do the wines taste like?

I find the style a bit like Napa and a bit like Bordeaux — the ripe fruit of hot days, the elegance of cold nights. But the wines have their own identity. They have good depth and intensity, and they're distinctively spicy, with lots of black pepper and exotic spices.



CHATEAU CHANGYU
MOSER XV HELAN
MOUNTAIN CABERNET
SAUVIGNON 2017
012462 (XD) 750 mL \$22.95

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CHATEAU CHANGYU MOSER XV FAMILY 2016* 629989 (XD) 750 mL \$59.20

CHATEAU CHANGYU MOSER XV BLANC DE NOIR 2018* 629997 (XD) 750 mL \$25.20