



THE HESS COLLECTION

SMALL BLOCK SERIES

Collector's Cuvée 2016



BLEND: 53% Merlot, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Malbec, 3% Petite Verdot

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

ALCOHOL: 14.7%

pH: 3.6

TA: 0.65 gms/100ml

AGING: 22 months in 40% New French Oak

HARVEST: October 8 - November 3, 2016

746 cases produced

HESS SMALL BLOCK SERIES WINES

Small Block Series wines were born from the Hess family's creative passions—wine and art—and thrive under the leadership of the fifth generation Hess family, Tim and Sabrina Persson. These wines honor winemaking practices that explore distinctive vineyards and artisan techniques. The Small Block Series reflects the next generation's pursuit of state-of-the-art innovations in the winery, and their desire to express the distinct personalities of Napa Valley and Mount Veeder grapes in the bottle.

2016 VINTAGE

Vintage 2016 had near perfect weather and continues the streak of great California vintages. Winter gave us our average amount of rainfall followed by a warm spring that allowed most varieties to set a nice crop. August cooled things off and allowed some increase in hang time, and we didn't see any major heat spikes during September and October.

WINEMAKER NOTES

"Our Small Block Series Collector's Cuvée is a unique treat inspired by the blends crafted during our annual Blending Party each April. For this vintage, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon dominate with Malbec and Petite Verdot added to create a perfect harmony. This bold wine is deep and rich in color and offers aromas of black cherry, wild mountain blackberries and hints of vanilla oak. Rich and juicy upon entry, delicious black currants and black plum play on the palate with well-integrated tannins and notes of cocoa and fresh ground coffee presenting on the long finish."

—Dave Guffy, Director of Winemaking

FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS

"This wine will stand well alongside braised or grilled meats like lamb, pork or duck dressed with sweet onions and earthy accents from mushrooms, eggplant and wild fennel. Hard cheeses with popular sea salt crystals such as Bravo Farms Silver Mountain or Beecher's Flagship Reserve are just the thing to show off contrasting and complementary tastes."

—Chad Hendrickson, Executive Chef

LAND TRUST OF NAPA COUNTY

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