



THE HESS COLLECTION

SMALL BLOCK SERIES

SYRAH

2017



BLEND: 90% Syrah, 10% Petite Sirah

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

HARVEST DATE: October 5 - 15, 2017

ALCOHOL: 14.9%

pH: 3.99

TA: 0.6 gms/100ml

AGING: 20 months in 10% New French Oak

322 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 grapes in the bottle. This Small Block Syrah is from the Stagecoach Vineyard, located in the mountains above Napa Valley's Stags Leap District.

2017 VINTAGE

Vintage 2017 began with restorative rains that replenished soils, helped support vine growth and fortified our vineyards through the Spring. From the start of harvest, yields looked promising, as the sugars and acids in the grapes showed incredible balance. October was marked by wildfires in the North Coast, and while the fires devastated many homes and properties, our fruit was already picked and safely in the winery, with the majority of the area's vineyards not significantly affected. Despite it being a tumultuous year, overall, we saw an abundant harvest that gave our winemakers quality fruit and the opportunity to develop wines with depth and character.

TASTE WITH THE WINEMAKER

"The Stagecoach Vineyard has consistently been an ideal source for our Small Block Series Syrah, with this vintage once again delivering us beautiful fruit. On the nose, this wine presents delicious boysenberry and black fruit notes with hints of espresso and cedar spice. The aromas are welcoming, filling the senses and leading to black and blue fruit flavors of cassis and black plum. Rich and round, our Syrah showcases silky, mouthfilling tannins, all of which are supported by a firm acidity that persists through the lengthy finish."

- Dave Guffy, Director of Winemaking

FOOD PAIRING

Coffee and herb crusted lamb chops, duck confit, chicken mole, wild mushrooms, dried figs and dates with blue cheese and balsamic syrup.

- Chad Hendrickson, Executive Chef

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The Hess Collection is proud to support the Land Trust of Napa County, a community-based nonprofit dedicated to preserving the character of Napa by permanently protecting land.



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