



HESS PERSSON

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2019 | SMALL BLOCK SERIES RESERVE PINOT NOIR MARDIKIAN VINEYARD

BLEND:	100% Pinot Noir
APPELLATION:	Sonoma Coast
ALCOHOL:	14.6%
PH:	3.98
TA:	0.48 gms/100ml
CLONES:	Dijon, 76, 96
HARVESTED:	September 24- October 1, 2019
CASES:	231 cases

ARTISTRY IN BOTTLE

Small Block Series wines thrive under next generation leaders 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 personalities of Napa Valley and Sonoma Coast grapes in the bottle.

RESILIENCE IN THE VINEYARD

Every vintage and harvest presents a unique set of obstacles, and we approach every year ready to face the challenge. Vintage 2019 began with occasional rains and cooler temperatures, which brought soil saturation and allowed fruit to mature steadily. Summer helped the grapes to ripen, and the warm days and cool nights of the Fall fostered gradual sugar accumulation and longer hang times. Harvest began slightly later than normal in some areas, with fruit picked at its peak, promising exceptional flavor in the bottle.

FROM THE CELLAR

"The Mardikian Vineyard is located in the far reaches of the West Sonoma Coast, about 5 miles from the Pacific Ocean. A maritime blanket of fog begins to fade around noon each day, allowing for extended hang time and added complexity to the wine. This vintage offers aromas of ripe Bing cherry, plum, dried rose petals, cloves, and forest floor that are enhanced by a subtle cola note, influenced by barrel aging. The silky-smooth entry has a flavor profile that mirrors the aromas and includes soft supple tannins that shape a long finish."

—Stephanie Pope, Winemaker

CURATED CULINARY PAIRING

"Pinot Noir is a classic partner with Sonoma Duck Breast or Sonoma's famed CK Lamb. Mushroom risotto works wonderfully, as well. Brie, Camembert, Gruyere and goat cheeses are my go-to selections. This Pinot Noir is a more robust style that will enhance a wide variety of dishes, so don't be afraid to be unconventional in your thinking."

— Chad Hendrickson, Executive Chef

COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY

Hess Persson Estates' vineyards & winery are certified by the California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance. We are also proud to support the Land Trust of Napa County, a community-based nonprofit dedicated to preserving the character of Napa by permanently protecting land.