



THE HESS COLLECTION
SMALL BLOCK SERIES
HOLIDAY CUVÉE
2017



VARIETAL: 91% Cabernet Sauvignon, 9% Malbec

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

HARVEST DATES: October 5 - 6, 2017

ALCOHOL: 14.9%

pH: 3.52

TA: .62gms/100mL

AGING: 22 months in 40% New French Oak

700 Cases Produced

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH OUR COLLECTIBLE CUVÉE

Each holiday season Hess Collection winemaker Dave Guffy crafts a limited release cuvée meant for sharing with friends and family and dressed in a collectible edition bottle.

TASTE ALONG WITH WINEMAKER DAVE GUFFY

“Our Holiday Cuvée gives me a chance to reflect on what I might like to grace my own holiday table, and for this vintage, I’ve selected lots of our finest Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec, which certainly fits the bill as a memorable wine. This wine is inviting and warm presenting aromas of delicious baking spice and raspberry jam. On the palate, it delivers juicy, mouthfilling tannins, which develop alongside layered elements of ripe plum and cocoa with subtle oak spice appearing on the lengthy finish. I know that some have been collecting our unique bottlings each vintage and for that, I think there’s only one suggestion: get one for the cellar, and one for the celebration. This is something you may not want to wait too long for. From our Hess family, our sincere best wishes and thanks for sharing our wines.”

– Dave Guffy, Director of Winemaking

2017 VINTAGE

Vintage 2017 began with restorative rains that replenished soils, helped support vine growth and fortified our vineyards through the Spring. The late-August heat wave that continued into September led us to begin harvest just after Labor Day. From the start, 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, the majority of the area’s vineyards were 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.

HOLIDAY FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS

“The season lends itself to simply prepared meals that allow for all to share in the feast at hand, often with sauces that add contrasting or complementary flavors. The layers of flavors in this cuvée show off your best dishes, particularly braised or grilled meats like lamb, pork roasts or duck, as well as savory hams. Sweet onions, earthy mushrooms, eggplant and fennel all are wonderful accents. Harder cheeses as appetizers, with hearty Malden Sea Salt flakes steal the show.”

– 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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