

HESS PERSSON

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2021 | SMALL BLOCK SERIES MARDIKIAN ESTATE PINOT NOIR RESERVE

BLEND:	100% Pinot Noir
APPELLATION:	Sonoma Coast
ALCOHOL:	14.6%
PH:	3.67
TA:	5.7 g/L
HARVESTED:	October 6, 2021
CASES:	207 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

Vintage 2021 began with a warm spring and little rain. By the time midsummer was approaching it was clear that we were experiencing severe drought conditions, leading to fewer grape clusters on the vine. This resulted in lower yields with small berries that were packed with intense, lush flavor. Early ripening, sunny summer heat, and a lack of water were balanced out by a very welcomed cool fall season. The more temperate fall weather created the perfect conditions for our fruit to continue ripening steadily and allowed us to harvest at the optimal moment. Vintage 2021 will continue to be celebrated for its dense fruit, bold structure, and unforgettable complexity.

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 Bing cherry, raspberry, and a touch of warm baking spice influenced by barrel aging. The silky-smooth entry has a flavor profile that complements the aromas and includes soft, supple tannins that enhance a long finish."

– Stephanie Pope, Winemaker

CURATED CULINARY PAIRING

"Mushroom risotto works wonderfully. 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.