

# HESS SELECT



SAUVIGNON  
BLANC

CALIFORNIA  
2023



SUSTAINABLY  
PRODUCED

## HESS SELECT WINES

Crafted by our winemakers best known for their artistry with mountain vineyards in Napa Valley, Hess Select wines are sourced from grower families throughout California who share the guiding principle that our founder Donald Hess instilled in our family business “nurture the land and return what you take.” We strive to make the very best wines that elevate the everyday and honor our family legacy.

## CALIFORNIA'S GROWING REGION

Rugged, often wild, with never-ending complexity, this unique growing region has long been home to advocates for family-focused sustainable viticulture. A relatively mild Mediterranean climate with predictable heating and cooling cycles is overlaid on a mélange of well-drained volcanic and gravelly soils perfect for concentrating vine energy. Rolling hillsides and benchlands offer prime vineyard sites producing flavorful fruit with layers of agreeable acids and balanced tannins.

## TASTE WITH THE WINEMAKER

“This wine is a classic expression of Sauvignon Blanc fermented in stainless steel without oak to show off the naturally bright, refreshing citrus fruit flavors. On the nose, it is led by fresh melon and grapefruit with a subtle presence of lychee. The wine is beautifully structured with flavors of yellow stone fruit complemented by a succulent citrus back palate, all of which are balanced by perfect acidity and lemon zest on the bright, enjoyable finish. Our Sauvignon Blanc is crisp and truly easy to enjoy, and you won't be surprised to find me relaxing with a glass at the end of the day.”

Dave Guffy, Winemaker

## 2023 VINTAGE

Vintage 2023 is characterized as one of the longest growing seasons in a decade. The mild weather led to above-average crop yields. With all of the heavy winter rains the reservoirs were full for ideal conditions and saturated soil. The winter rains gave the vines much needed hydration as they woke up from their dormant winter. Cool weather and the sunshine enabled a slow maturity for deep vibrant flavor, and because of the cooler vintage this Sauvignon Blanc will be bright and clean.

**APPELLATION:** California

**ALCOHOL:** 13.5%

