

# HESS PERSSON

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## 2021 | SMALL BLOCK SERIES SYRAH RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY

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| BLEND:       | 97% Syrah, 3% Malbec                 |
| APPELLATION: | Russian River                        |
| ALCOHOL:     | 14.8%                                |
| PH:          | 3.77                                 |
| TA:          | 0.62 gms/100ml                       |
| COOPERAGE:   | Aged 20 months in 10% New French Oak |
| HARVESTED:   | September 16 - 18, 2021              |
| CASES:       | 296                                  |

### 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 Persson'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

"This Small Block Series Syrah shows off a vibrant, dark purple color that hints at its bold personality. Aromas of ripe plum and cassis draw you in, while the first sip offers a soft, juicy entry. Layers of creamy vanilla and warm spice from the barrel unfold on the palate, with just a touch of bramble on the finish. Bright and lively, this Syrah is both rich in flavor and refreshingly smooth."

—Stephanie Pope, Senior Winemaker

### CULINARY PAIRINGS

Coffee and herb crusted lamb chops, duck confit, chicken mole, wild mushrooms, dried figs and dates with blue cheese and balsamic syrup would pair lovely with our Small Block Series Syrah.

### 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.