

# HESS

ALLOMI  
PETITE SIRAH

2009

NAPA VALLEY



## HESS ALLOMI VINEYARD

Our Allomi Vineyard lies in the gently rolling hills of northeastern Napa Valley. The vineyard was carefully chosen for the quality of its soils, climate conditions and topography. Each block is planted to grow fruit that expresses the uniqueness of the terroir. Our vineyards are sustainably farmed in accordance with our founder Donald Hess' philosophy: "Nurture the land, return what you take."

## WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The 2009 Allomi Petite Sirah is driven by dark fruits, with aromas of boysenberry jam and graham cracker. A purity of fruit explodes on the palate in a remarkable expression of this grape variety. Often used in distinctive red wine blends to accentuate deep rich colors and a lush mouthfeel, we set aside a few of our favorite barrels to offer as a singularly expressive Petite Sirah, worthy of its own bottling.

## 2009 VINTAGE

The 2009 growing season started out easy with little frost. Spring and summer weather was moderate, without heat spikes, allowing the physiological and sugar ripening of the berries to remain in balance.

## FOOD PAIRING

Grilled Mission figs with Point Reyes Blue Cheese and balsamic; braised or grilled lamb; eggplant and root vegetables like beets or celery root; Cypress Grove Lamb Chopper cheese, aged gouda or medium cheddar, chocolate dipped boysenberries.

BLEND: 100% Petite Sirah  
APPELLATION: Napa Valley  
AGING: 20 months in small neutral French oak barrels  
HARVEST: October 12, 2009  
pH: 3.81  
TA: 0.64 g / 100 ml  
ALCOHOL: 14.2%

