



HESS  
SELECT®

CABERNET  
SAUVIGNON

2009

NORTH COAST



#### HESS SELECT WINES

Hess Select wines originate from family-owned Hess estate vineyards in Napa Valley and from grower partners who share our sustainable farming philosophy in Lake, Napa and Mendocino Counties. Affordable, approachable and crafted by Hess winemakers for immediate enjoyment, these wines represent outstanding examples of wines from California's North Coast.

#### CALIFORNIA'S NORTH COAST

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.

#### WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Winemaker David Guffy crafted the Hess Select Cabernet Sauvignon with notable richness, intensity and varietal character, showing jammy dark fruit aromas with cedary barrel notes and a touch of spice. A soft entry, with ripe plum and raspberry in the forefront, is supported by background flavors of tobacco and caramel, which add complexity to this imminently drinkable wine."

#### 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

Any dish incorporating sweet peppers, caramelized onions or roasted Portobello mushrooms, a hearty bacon burger with blue cheese, barbecued shrimp, mild blue cheeses and cheddar cheese.

**BLEND:** 84% Cabernet Sauvignon, 6% Syrah, 5% Petite Sirah, 5% Merlot

**APPELLATION:** North Coast of California

**AGING:** Aged 12-13 Months in French Oak (35% New)

**TOTAL ACID:** 0.53gms/100ml

**PH:** 3.85

**ALCOHOL:** 13.5%



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