



THE HESS COLLECTION
SMALL BLOCK SERIES
ORANGE MUSCAT
2018



BLEND: 100% Orange Muscat
APPELLATION: Mendocino
HARVEST DATE: September 14, 2018
ALCOHOL: 13%
pH: 3.38
TA: .57 gms/100ml
AGING: 100% Stainless steel fermented

295 cases produced

HESS SMALL BLOCK SERIES WINES

Small Block Series wines were born from the Hess family's creative passions—wine and art—and thrive under the leadership of the fifth generation Hess family, Tim and Sabrina Persson. These wines honor winemaking practices that explore distinctive vineyards and artisan techniques. Our Orange Muscat hails from a small family-owned vineyard in Mendocino.

2018 VINTAGE

Vintage 2018 could not have been more ideal for our winemakers. Budbreak began on schedule at the end of February, and Spring brought moderate temperatures that progressed into a warm Summer without any disruptive heat spikes. Steady, consistent growing conditions provided the perfect environment for the fruit to mature and develop. Our grapes promised elegant flavors of the highest quality with structural beauty from balanced tannin, sugar and acid levels. Harvest began in mid-September for the white varieties, and we continued picking our red varieties long into the first weeks of November. With such lengthy hang time, the fruit matured consistently and was picked when it was at its peak, promising exceptional flavor in bottle.

WINEMAKER NOTES

“Lovely aromas of honeysuckle, white blossom and hints of jasmine deliver an elegant invitation to this wine. On the palate, it offers delicious elements of orange mandarin and ginger, which are accompanied by a delightful presence of grapefruit and lime zest. This wine is balanced by a core of bright acidity, and we choose to stop primary fermentation at 2% residual sugar without malolactic fermentation in order to emphasize its long, clean finish.”

–Dave Guffy, Director of Winemaking

FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS

“We love to share this wine with shrimp, seared Ahi Tuna, spicy Asian dishes dressed with avocado, cucumber and citrus. Creamy cheeses, vanilla pot du crème, and even milky chocolates are stand out selections.”

– Chad Hendrickson, Executive Chef

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