



THE HESS COLLECTION  
SMALL BLOCK SERIES  
PETITE SIRAH  
2016



BLEND: 100% Petite Sirah  
APPELLATION: Allomi Vineyard, Napa Valley  
HARVEST: September 4 - 12, 2016  
ALCOHOL: 14.9%  
pH 3.62  
TA 0.67 gms/100ml  
AGING: 20 months in 10% New French Oak

300 Cases Produced

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### 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. The Small Block Series reflects the next generation's pursuit of state-of-the-art innovations in the winery, and their desire to express the distinct personalities of Napa Valley grapes in the bottle.

### 2016 VINTAGE

Vintage 2016 had near perfect weather and continues the streak of great California vintages. Winter gave us our average amount of rainfall followed by a warm spring that allowed most varieties to set a nice crop. August cooled things off and allowed some increase in hang time, and we didn't see any major heat spikes during September and October.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

“Our Petite Sirah is deeply colored, presenting aromas of boysenberry, blackberry and inviting elements of nutmeg and vanilla from oak aging. Supple with a rounded mouthfeel, this wine is driven by red fruit flavors, most notably red plum, that provide a wonderful lift on the palate and a seamless supporting acidity. Well-managed, mouth-filling tannins appear in such a way that does not overpower the wine as it lingers on a long, pleasant finish.”  
—Dave Guffy, Director of Winemaking

### FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS

“Grilled Mission figs with Point Reyes Blue Cheese and balsamic syrup; 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.”  
— Chad Hendrickson, Executive Chef

### LAND TRUST OF NAPA COUNTY

The Hess Collection is proud to support the Land Trust of Napa County, a community-based nonprofit dedicated to preserving the character of Napa by permanently protecting land.



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