

HESS PERSSON

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2019 | SMALL BLOCK SERIES MERLOT NAPA VALLEY

BLEND:	100% Merlot
APPELLATION:	Napa Valley
ALCOHOL:	14.5%
PH:	3.6
TA:	0.55 gms/100ml
COOPERAGE:	Aged in 20% New French oak barrels for 20 months
HARVESTED:	October 7, 2019
CASES:	390 cases

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 next generation's pursuit of state-of-the-art innovations in the winery, and their desire to express the personalities of Napa Valley and Sonoma grapes in bottle.

RESILIENCE IN THE VINEYARD

Vintage 2019 began slightly later than normal in some areas, but nonetheless delivered superb results. Spring was marked by occasional rains, which brought welcome soil saturation, and cooler temperatures, which allowed fruit to mature at a steady pace. Summer helped the grapevines to ripen and catch up from their late start. The warm days and cool nights of the fall allowed gradual sugar accumulation and longer hang times, promising fruit of the highest quality with structural beauty from balanced tannin, sugar and acid levels. Harvest began slightly later than normal in some areas with fruit picked at its peak, promising exceptional flavor in bottle.

FROM THE CELLAR

"Our Small Block Series Merlot is a beautiful expression of what this varietal has to offer. Inviting aromas of Amarena cherries, ripe strawberries and sweet cocoa awaken the senses. The wine is soft on entry with enticing red fruit, warm vanilla and baking spices. Wonderfully round tannins complete the long, pleasant finish."

- Stephanie Pope, Winemaker

CURATED CULINARY PAIRING

"Roasted duck, quail or pork loin alongside a dark berry compote complement the earthy notes in the wine perfectly. Creamy au gratin potatoes or roasted leeks with spring onion and green garlic make delicious additions to complete the meal."

- Chad Hendrickson, Executive Chef

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.