

# HESS PERSSON

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## 2021 | SMALL BLOCK SERIES CABERNET SAUVIGNON RESERVE NAPA VALLEY

<b>BLEND:</b>	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
<b>APPELLATION:</b>	Napa Valley
<b>ALCOHOL:</b>	14.8%
<b>PH:</b>	3.82
<b>TA:</b>	0.57 gms/100ml
<b>AGING:</b>	21 months in 75% new French oak
<b>HARVESTED:</b>	September 16 - October 19, 2021
<b>CASES:</b>	223

### 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 Valley grapes in the bottle.

### RESILIENCE IN THE VINEYARD

Vintage 2021 began with a warm spring and little rain. By the time midsummer was approaching it was clear that we were experiencing severe drought conditions, leading to fewer grape clusters on the vine. This resulted in lower yields with small berries that were packed with intense, lush flavor. Early ripening, sunny summer heat, and a lack of water were balanced out by a very welcomed cool fall season. The more temperate fall weather created the perfect conditions for our fruit to continue ripening steadily and allowed us to harvest at the optimal moment. Vintage 2021 will continue to be celebrated for its dense fruit, bold structure, and unforgettable complexity.

### FROM THE CELLAR

“With fruit sourced from among the most exquisite AVAs of the Napa Valley, including Oakville, Rutherford and Mount Veeder, this wine is the essence of the Napa Valley and shows it is worthy of the reserve designation. Incredibly nuanced with a gorgeous structure, aromas of cassis, black cherry and toasted cinammon entice the senses. The lush, full palate is intensely layered with the same black cherry and cassis flavors, along with lingering vanilla and dark chocolate, and finishes with velvety tannins. A Cabernet of this quality and depth is destined to continue to evolve and reveal more of its personality for years to come.”

– Stephanie Pope, Winemaker

### CURATED CULINARY PAIRING

“Something so powerful needs a companion that can also stand tall, so this is clearly a case where a bit of grilled, charred medium rare beef of the highest quality, presented with wild fennel, caramelized onions and leafy, earthy greens would be simply wonderful.”

– 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.