

HESS PERSSON

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2021 | SMALL BLOCK SERIES COLLECTORS CUVÉE NAPA VALLEY



BLEND:	56% Merlot, 23% Cabernet Sauvignon, 19% Malbec, 2% Petit Verdot
APPELLATION:	Napa Valley
ALCOHOL:	14.39%
PH:	3.71
TA:	0.62 gms/100ml
COOPERAGE:	Aged in 40% New French oak barrels for 22 months
HARVESTED:	September 16 - October 19, 2021
CASES:	233 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 Coast 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

“Originally inspired by the blends crafted during our annual Blending Party each April, Small Block Series Collectors Cuvée is a unique wine. For the 2021 vintage, Merlot takes center stage in the blend, with Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec, and Petit Verdot skillfully woven in to achieve a seamless balance. The wine opens with vibrant aromas of violet and cacao, seamlessly intertwined with a rich fruit profile of raspberry, plum, and wild blueberry. Savory notes of dried tobacco, thyme, and graphite deepen the mid-palate, leading to a long, elegant finish.

– Stephanie Pope, Winemaker

CURATED CULINARY PAIRING

This wine will stand well alongside braised or grilled meats like lamb, pork or beef dressed with sweet onions and earthy accents from mushrooms. Hard cheeses with popular sea salt crystals, such as Bravo Farms Silver Mountain or Beecher's Flagship Reserve, are just the thing to show off contrasting and complementary tastes.

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.