# HESS

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## TREO WINEMAKER'S RED BLEND

CALIFORNIA

2021

### SUSTAINABLY PRODUCED



#### **APPELLATION:** California

**AGING:** 18 months in a mix of American and French oak

ALCOHOL: 13.5%

#### HESS SELECT WINES

Hess Select wines are sourced from grower families throughout California who share the guiding principle that our founder, Donald Hess, instilled in our family business: "nurture the land and return what you take." We strive to make the very best wines that elevate the everyday and honor our family legacy.

#### TASTE WITH THE WINEMAKER

Blending is an art in winemaking, and when done with precision, it reveals that the whole can be greater than the sum of its parts. For our Treo blend, we meticulously select lots each year to achieve a harmonious balance and refined elegance. This year, Petite Sirah forms the backbone, enhanced by Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and a touch of Malbec and Pinot Noir. The result is a wine with inviting aromas of black plum, blackberry, and blueberry and subtle hints of espresso, cacao, and baked fruit that round out the palate. With soft, smooth tannins on the finish, this wine is a delight from the first sip.

#### 2021 VINTAGE

Vintage 2021 delivered superb results. Spring was marked by occasional rains, which brought welcome soil saturation, and cooler temperatures, allowing fruit to mature at a steady pace. Summer helped the grapevines ripen completely and conditions continued to be almost ideal throughout August and September. The warm days and cool nights of the fall season allowed gradual sugar accumulation and longer hang times, promising fruit of the highest quality with structural beauty. With a slightly later harvest and a smaller crop yield, fruit was picked at its peak, for a small yet mighty vintage promising exceptional flavor in bottle.

#### BLEND

60% Petite Sirah, 22% Merlot, 8% Cabernet, 6% Malbec, 4% Pinot Noir