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# 2023 | SMALL BLOCK SERIES PETALUMA GAP CHARDONNAY SONOMA COAST

BLEND: 100% Chardonnay
APPELLATION: Sonoma Coast

ALCOHOL: 14.2% PH: 3.19

TA: 0.67 gms/100ml

**COOPERAGE:** Barrel fermented in 30% New French Oak, Lees stirred

monthly; Aged 9 months in barrel

CLONES: Dijon, 76, 96 HARVESTED: October 13, 2023

CASES: 201 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

The 2023 vintage growing season in Sonoma was characterized by atypical weather, with twice the normal annual rainfall. The milder weather patterns experienced in Sonoma Country through the Spring and into the Summer led to an evenly ripened grape harvest in the Fall. This vintage is producing wines with beautiful flavors, vibrant acidity, and remarkable balance.

### FROM THE CELLAR

"The Petaluma Gap AVA is a special growing area where Chardonnay thrives. Our 2023 Small Block Series Petaluma Gap Chardonnay opens with vibrant lemon zest and citrus aromas, complemented by subtle hints of vanilla and jasmine. These notes seamlessly transition to the palate, where a rich mouthfeel is balanced by bright, mineral acidity. The finish is long and smooth unveiling delicate flavors of vanilla, ripe apricot, and Meyer lemon, leaving a lasting, refined impression.

- Stephanie Pope, Senior Winemaker

#### **CURATED CULINARY PAIRING**

"Try this Chardonnay alongside fresh cheeses, like mozzarella, burrata or goat cheese with drizzled with honey. This wine also brings a depth and weight to the table that stands beautifully alongside shrimp and Dungeness crab, and when paired with a lemon risotto, it truly sings."

- Estate Culinary Team

#### 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.