



THE HESS COLLECTION
 SMALL BLOCK SERIES
 VIOGNIER
 2016



BLEND: 100% Viognier
 APPELLATION: Mount Veeder – Napa Valley
 HARVEST DATES: September 15, 2016
 ALCOHOL: 14.7%
 pH: 3.72
 TA: 0.55 gms/100ml
 RS: .35 gms/100ml

53 cases produced, limited release

HESS SMALL BLOCK SERIES WINES

Small Block wines honor the winemaker’s art, exploring new vineyards, unusual varietals and artisan techniques. Hess’ Mount Veeder vineyards reflect Donald Hess’ vision of winemaking and grape growing working hand-in-hand to extract the best expressions of mountain fruit. In our Mount Veeder vineyards the unique attributes of the soils, exposures and altitude create wines that reveal the mountain’s distinct personality.

2016 VINTAGE

Vintage 2016 had near perfect weather and continues the streak of great California vintages. Winter gave us our average amount of rainfall followed by a warm spring that allowed most varieties to set a nice crop. August cooled things off and allowed some increase in hang time and we didn’t see any major heat spikes during September and October. We would definitely take a repeat performance with the growing season for 2017!

TASTE WITH THE WINEMAKER

“Part of Viognier’s attraction is that it is so different from Chardonnay—in the mouthfeel and the aroma. The perfume that comes out of a glass of Viognier when it’s done well is honeydew melon, squash blossom, nutmeg, and nectarine. Viognier makes an excellent aperitif and it is one of the wines that absorbs a lot of spice and goes well with many kinds of foods. This vintage is dominated by a bouquet of honeysuckle, nectarine, citrus blossom, and essence of pear. The finish is delicate, dry and crisp.”

-Dave Guffy, Director of Winemaking

FOOD PAIRING

Nectarines and macadamia nuts with honey; fennel-dusted sea scallops or halibut; butter lettuce, shaved fennel and radishes.

- Chad Hendrickson, Executive Chef

1% FOR THE PLANET

Your purchase of Small Block Series wines allows us to donate 1% of the sale to this vital organization, which directs your contribution to local organizations such as the Land Trust of Napa Valley who share our view of sustainability. Thank you for your support of our efforts.



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