



THE HESS COLLECTION

SMALL BLOCK SERIES

ALBARIÑO

2017



BLEND: 100% Albariño

APPELLATION: Mount Veeder

HARVEST DATE: September 20, 2017

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

pH: 3.31

TA: .55 gms/100ml

RS: .29 gms/100ml

AGING: 100% Stainless steel fermented, 4 months in neutral oak

400 cases produced

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Small Block wines honor the winemaker's art, exploring new vineyards, unusual varietals and artisan winemaking techniques. On Mount Veeder, our vineyards reflect our founder's vision of winemaking and grape-growing working in harmony to reveal the best expressions of mountain fruit. Donald Hess recognized early on the unique attributes of rugged vineyards planted in sparse soils at high altitude, revealing Mount Veeder's distinctive personality.

2017 VINTAGE

Vintage 2017 began with restorative rains that replenished soils, helped support vine growth and fortified our vineyards through the Spring. We started harvest on Mount Veeder after Labor Day with yields looking promising, as the sugars and acids in the grapes showed incredible balance. The rest of the mountain fruit came off the vine quickly with the consistently warm weather, and overall, we saw a beautiful harvest that gave our winemakers quality fruit and the opportunity to develop wines with depth and character.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

"The thicker skins of Albariño grapes are believed to help create aromas of almond paste and candied ginger, which in this vintage, are accented by a hint of lemon zest. A luscious and creamy mouthfeel leads to delicious flavors of dried apricot and dried persimmon that are balanced by a more crisp and pleasantly tart note of starfruit."

—Dave Guffy, Director of Winemaking

FOOD PAIRING

"Salty and sweet combinations like fresh peaches wrapped in Jamón Serrano. Steamed shellfish with chorizo. Boquerones with preserved lemons and pickled onions."

—Chad Hendrickson, Executive Chef

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