



## THE HESS COLLECTION

SMALL BLOCK SERIES

**GRÜNER VELTLINER**

2017



BLEND: 100% Grüner Veltliner  
APPELLATION: Mount Veeder – Napa Valley  
HARVEST DATE: September 21, 2017  
AGING: 100% Stainless steel fermented, 4 months in neutral oak  
ALCOHOL: 14.8%  
pH: 3.55  
TA: 0.5 gms/100ml  
RS: .21 gms/100ml

271 cases produced, limited release

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### HESS SMALL BLOCK SERIES WINES

Small Block wines honor the winemaker's art, exploring new vineyards, unusual varieties 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.

### 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

"Grüner Veltliner has been believed to date back to Roman times. Its name is derived from Veltlin (Valtellina) in northern Italy, though the grape is likely indigenous to Austria. In recent years, plantings of Grüner Veltliner have been expanding in the New World wine regions such as California, and small plantings have found a home on our Mount Veeder vineyards. This vintage of our Grüner Veltliner has a beautifully rich texture that is balanced by a present acidity throughout. Light citrus fruit flavors are accented by hints of lemon rind and a wonderful spice characteristic derived from elements of white pepper. Grüner Veltliner has a reputation for being a particularly food-friendly wine, and I love this wine as an aperitif or with fresh seafood."

—Dave Guffy, Director of Winemaking

### LAND TRUST OF NAPA COUNTY

The Hess Collection is proud to support the Land Trust of Napa County, a community-based nonprofit dedicated to preserving the character of Napa by permanently protecting land.



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