



THE HESS COLLECTION

SMALL BLOCK SERIES

SYRAH
2014



BLEND: 100% Syrah

APPELLATION: Napa Valley

HARVEST DATE: October 8, 2014

ALCOHOL: 14.8%

pH: 3.79

TA: 0.60 gms/100ml

RS: .25 gms/100ml

AGING: 20 months in French Oak, 10% new (Principal Coopers Demptos & Saury)

300 cases produced

Small Block wines honor the winemaker's art, exploring new vineyards, unusual varietals and artisan techniques. This Small Block Syrah is from the Stagecoach Vineyard (located in the mountains above Napa Valley's Stags Leap District). Grapes from this vineyard are sustainably farmed.

2014 VINTAGE:

It would be hard not to say that the South Napa Earthquake that hit just as harvest began is the most memorable touch-point of 2014, but really, it's just part of the story. The driest winter on record gave way to some welcome rain in late February and early March, just as the vines came out of dormancy and inched toward bud break. A warm spring set the stage for a perfect start to the growing season, reflected in the generally higher than average yields that resulted. We were a bit early to harvest, but not dramatically so. Early, exceptional, and largely uneventful – except for that ground rattling on August 24 at 3:20 a.m. It's a very, very good year.

TASTE WITH THE WINEMAKER

"Once again the Stagecoach Vineyard, the home for our Small Block Series Syrah for several vintages, has delivered a wine with welcoming aromas and flavors of black and blue fruits led by blueberries and decadent black cherry, accented by spicy cloves, anise and evident vanilla and cedar from the French Oak used to tame the tannins, which are rich and round, giving a fullness to the Syrah that works extremely well with a wide array of food."

- Dave Guffy, Director of Winemaking

FOOD PAIRING

Coffee and herb crusted lamb chops, duck confit, chicken mole, wild mushrooms, dried figs and dates with blue cheese and balsamic syrup.

- Chad Hendrickson, Executive Chef

1% FOR THE PLANET:

Hess Collection proudly participates in 1% for the Planet, donating 1% of all Small Block sales to local organizations who share our view of sustainability.



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