



THE HESS COLLECTION
SMALL BLOCK SERIES
ORANGE MUSCAT
2017



BLEND: 100% Orange Muscat
APPELLATION: Mendocino
HARVEST DATE: September 7, 2017
ALCOHOL: 13.7%
pH: 3.63
TA: .54 gms/100ml
RS: .23 gms/100ml
AGING: 100% Stainless steel fermented
250 cases produced

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Small Block wines honor the winemaker's art, exploring new vineyards, unusual varieties and artisan winemaking techniques. Our distinctive Orange Muscat hails from a small family-owned vineyard in Mendocino. Donald Hess believes that we should "Nurture the land, and return what you take" and we partner with growers who share our sustainable philosophy.

2017 VINTAGE

Vintage 2017 began with restorative rains that replenished soils, helped support vine growth and fortified our vineyards through the Spring. Harvest began normally with yields looking promising, but a late-August heat wave that continued into September caused harvest to pick up at a rapid pace. October was marked by wildfires in the North Coast, and while the fires devastated many homes and properties, much of the area's grapes were already picked with the majority of the state's vineyards not significantly affected. Despite it being a tumultuous year, most saw an abundant harvest with above normal yields that gave our winemakers quality fruit and the opportunity to develop wines with depth and character.

WINEMAKER NOTES

"Orange Muscat is often considered to be a favorite dessert wine; however it is far more versatile as an off-dry, slightly sweet complement to spicy foods. Beautiful aromas of orange blossoms are accented by notes of kaffir lime and ginger. On the palate, rich and unctuous flavors of ripe apricot and mandarin orange are accompanied by delicious notes of honey with a hint of spice. We choose to stop primary fermentation at 2% residual sugar without malolactic fermentation in order to emphasize the bright, clean finish of the wine."

–Dave Guffy, Director of Winemaking

FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS

We love to share this wine with shrimp, seared Ahi Tuna, spicy Asian dishes dressed with avocado, cucumber and citrus. Creamy cheeses, vanilla pot du crème, and even milky chocolates are stand out selections.

– Chad Hendrickson, Executive Chef

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