



THE HESS COLLECTION

SMALL BLOCK SERIES

PINOT NOIR

2015



Blend:	100% Pinot Noir
Appellation:	Ferrington Vineyard, Anderson Valley, Mendocino County
Aging:	11 months sur lie in French Oak (26% new)
Clones:	667, 828, Pommard
Alcohol:	14.8%
pH:	3.42
TA:	.70 gms/100ml
Cases Produced:	156
SRP:	\$60

HESS SMALL BLOCK SERIES WINES

Small Block wines allow the Hess Family to honor the winemaker's art, exploring vineyards, varietals and artisan techniques. This elegant Pinot Noir hails from the iconic Ferrington Vineyard in Anderson Valley, and is prized by those who love Pinot Noir. The vineyard is located just to the north of Boonville, and is one of the two most easterly vineyards of Anderson Valley (Anderson Creek shares a fence line).

2015 VINTAGE

The 2015 growing season was one of the earliest harvests on record. As the drought continued, an early bud-break in Spring led to a protracted bloom and fruit set, followed by cool weather that extended deep into May. Heat was minimal through the summer, but a mid-September warm up helped the fruit ripen. We saw slightly lower yields from previous vintages, which resulted in small berries that led to wines marked by refreshing acidity and concentrated varietal character.

WINEMAKER NOTES

"First planted in the late 1960s, the Ferrington Vineyard is marked by cool temperatures, rocky soils and a distinctive clonal mix, all of which combine to create small clusters of grapes and fruit of exceptional quality. In the glass, beautiful aromas of rose petals mingle with elements of sandalwood and brown spice. Wonderfully supple upon entry, the expected backbone of Anderson Valley acid frames the wine with black cherries and hints of smoke. Complex and well-structured, silky tannins are surrounded by herbal notes on the long, pleasing finish."

—Dave Guffy, Director of Winemaking

FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS

"Pinot Noir is a classic partner with Sonoma Duck breast or Sonoma's famed CK Lamb. Mushroom Risotto is simply wonderful. Soft Brie, Camembert, Gruyere and goat cheeses are my go to selections. This Pinot Noir is a more robust style that will enhance a wide variety of dishes, so don't be afraid to be unconventional in your thinking."

—Chad Hendrickson, Executive Chef

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