

# HESS SELECT



**CABERNET  
SAUVIGNON**

**NORTH COAST  
2015**



## HESS SELECT WINES

Hess Select wines originate from family-owned Hess estate vineyards in Napa Valley and from grower partners who share our sustainable farming philosophy in Lake, Napa and Mendocino Counties. Affordable, approachable and crafted by Hess wine-makers for immediate enjoyment, they represent outstanding examples of wines from California's North Coast.

## CALIFORNIA'S NORTH COAST

Rugged, often wild, with never-ending complexity, this unique growing region has long been home to advocates for family-focused sustainable viticulture. A relatively mild Mediterranean climate with predictable heating and cooling cycles is overlaid on a mélange of well-drained volcanic and gravelly soils perfect for concentrating vine energy. Rolling hillsides and benchlands offer prime vineyard sites producing flavorful fruit with layers of agreeable acids and balanced tannins.

## TASTE WITH THE WINEMAKER

"This Cabernet is one of my 'go-tos' with friends and family, I think this wine works just as well at a backyard barbeque as it does in front of a fireplace...I guess that means I drink it year round! Bright and vivid aromas of roasted vanilla, mocha and baking spices meet layers of blackberry and ripe cherry flavors on the first swirl. I love the juicy entry on this wine – full bodied, rich and framed by thick mouth coating tannins are supported by just the right amount of acidity to keep it balanced."

Dave Guffy, Winemaker

## 2015 VINTAGE

The real story behind the 2015 growing season was that it was one of the earliest harvests on record, featuring variability in crop size, with some grapes affected more than others. 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 fruit marched quickly to ripening, even as an early September sprinkle slowed the pace for just a moment. In the end, we saw a slightly less abundant harvest than the immediately previous years.

**BLEND:** 79% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Petite Sirah, 4% Malbec, 2% Syrah, 2% Merlot  
2% Zinfandel

**APPELLATION:** North Coast

**AGING:** Aged in 35% new French and American oak for 18 months

**TOTAL ACID:** 0.58 gms/100ml

**PH:** 3.9 | **ALCOHOL:** 13.84% | **SRP:** \$19 | **CASES (9L):** 142,000

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