

# HESS SELECT



**CABERNET  
SAUVIGNON**

**NORTH COAST  
2014**



## 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

## 2014 VINTAGE

The harvest of 2014 will be forever remembered for being blindingly fast. Many claim it was over in the blink of an eye. Not only was it fast, but it also started early (some grapes were at the winery in late August), meaning our crews spent Thanksgiving at home with their families, not a bad trade-off for some long days keeping up with the crush of grapes arriving at the winery. Fast is one thing, of course, but the real focus is always on flavor, and once again, as has been the case for recent vintages, the fruit is simply spectacular, giving winemakers a chance to develop wines with real character, a vintage that is memorable on every measure: fast, ripe and furiously top quality.

**BLEND:** 78% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Petite Sirah, 6% Malbec, 3% Merlot, 3% Cabernet Franc

**APPELLATION:** North Coast

**AGING:** Aged in French and American oak for 15 months

**TOTAL ACID:** 0.57 gms/100ml

**PH:** 3.77 | **ALCOHOL:** 13.8% | **SRP:** \$19 | **CASES (9L):** 209,000

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