



THE HESS COLLECTION
CELEBRATION CUVÉE
2018



BLEND: 77% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Malbec, 11% Merlot
APPELLATION: Napa Valley
HARVEST: October 1 - November 5, 2018
ALCOHOL: 14.9%
pH: 3.77
TA: 0.65 gms/100ml
AGING: 22 months in 40% New French Oak

802 cases produced

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS WITH OUR HESS COLLECTION CUVÉE

Each holiday season, Hess Collection winemaker Dave Guffy crafts a unique limited release cuvée meant for sharing with friends and family. This season, enjoy another exceptional small production cuvée from the Hess Family, dressed in a festive bottle.

2018 VINTAGE

Vintage 2018 could not have been more ideal for our winemakers. Budbreak began on schedule at the end of February, and spring brought moderate temperatures that progressed into a warm summer without any disruptive heat spikes. Steady, consistent growing conditions provided the perfect environment for the fruit to mature and develop. Our grapes promised elegant flavors of the highest quality with structural beauty from balanced tannin, sugar and acid levels. Harvest began in mid-September for the white varieties, and we continued picking our red varieties long into the first weeks of November. With such lengthy hang time, the fruit matured consistently and was picked when it was at its peak, promising exceptional flavor in bottle.

WINEMAKER NOTES

“Crafted with your most memorable and special celebrations in mind, I’ve selected lots of our finest Cabernet Sauvignon, Malbec and Merlot which together, present inviting and warm aromas of delicious baking spice and raspberry jam. On the palate, our Celebration Cuvée delivers juicy, mouthfilling tannins, which develop alongside layered elements of ripe plum and cocoa with subtle oak spice appearing on the lengthy finish.”

–Dave Guffy, Director of Winemaking

FOOD PAIRING SUGGESTIONS

“The layers of flavors in this cuvée show off your best dishes, particularly braised or grilled meats like lamb, pork roasts or duck, as well as savory hams. Sweet onions, earthy mushrooms, eggplant and fennel all are wonderful accents. Harder cheeses as appetizers, with hearty Malden Sea Salt flakes steal the show.”

– Chad Hendrickson, Executive Chef

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The Hess Collection is proud to support the Land Trust of Napa County, a community-based nonprofit dedicated to preserving the character of Napa by permanently protecting land.



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