



## THE HESS COLLECTION

MOUNT VEEDER / NAPA VALLEY



### 2015 | NAPA VALLEY “ALLOMI” CABERNET SAUVIGNON

#### THE HESS COLLECTION WINES FROM NAPA VALLEY

Though just 30 miles long and a few miles wide, Napa Valley is home to diverse microclimates and soils uniquely suited to wine grape growing. It is considered one of the premier wine regions in the world and for our Napa Valley wines we look to our estate vineyards and select growers throughout the valley to source the very best wine grapes. The Hess Collection wines are family owned, sustainably farmed and dedicated to reflecting a true sense of place. Our wines are recognizable for their elegant, rich and complex flavors and a tradition of excellence.

#### NAPA VALLEY “ALLOMI” CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Our estate Allomi Vineyard lies in the gently rolling hills of northeastern Napa Valley, where the combination of a typically long, warm growing season and well-drained soils create optimal ripening conditions for Cabernet Sauvignon. The 210-acre vineyard is focused into 35 unique growing blocks with six different Cabernet clones that add diversity of flavors and complexity to wine. In each vintage, our winemakers and viticulturists evaluate each block and select only the finest components for the final cuvée.

#### TASTE WITH THE WINEMAKER

“When much of Napa sees the summer fog, our Allomi Vineyard is often on the flip side, enjoying a bit of heat, which is just the thing for Cabernet Sauvignon. Pope Valley is less well known than some notable Napa locations but the combination of steady heat and well-drained clay loam soils allows fruit to ripen evenly, gaining welcomed complexity and layers of flavors. Full bodied, with classic Cabernet red fruit flavors set off by aromas and flavors of currant and blackberry, our Allomi Cabernet is noted for moderate, well-integrated tannins showing a round, plush mouthfeel. Distinct notes of vanilla and oak spice from aging in American oak add to the personality of the wine, surely one of our most popular Napa offerings.”

– Dave Guffy, Director of Winemaking

#### VINTAGE NOTES

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 preceding years, but the exceptional quality ruled the day!

- BLEND:** 92% Cabernet Sauvignon  
6% Petite Sirah  
2% Petite Verdot
- ALCOHOL:** 14.5%
- PH:** 3.87
- TA:** 0.55 gms/100ml
- COOPERAGE:** 25% New American oak  
for 18 months
- HARVESTED:** Sept 10 - Oct 20, 2015
- RELEASED:** August 2017



EU Wine Notes