



## THE HESS COLLECTION

MOUNT VEEDER / NAPA VALLEY



### 2016 | MONTEREY SHIRTAIL RANCHES CHARDONNAY

#### HESS SHIRTAIL RANCHES

The Hess Collection Shirtail Ranches wines are carefully crafted for restaurants to complement a diversity of cuisines. These wines are a collaboration between Hess Winemaker Dave Guffy and the Winery's Executive Chef Chad Hendrickson with food and wine pairing in mind. Each wine is handcrafted with careful attention to highlight fruit expression and balanced acidity in order to deliver a wine that is great by the glass and pairs beautifully with food. For over 30 years, guests and sommeliers alike have felt confident choosing Hess wines for quality, consistency, and value. This is why we're consistently among the Top Restaurants Brands in the Wine & Spirits Restaurant Poll.

#### VINTAGE NOTES

Vintage 2016 had near perfect weather and continues the streak of great California vintages. Winter gave us our average amount of rainfall followed by a warm spring that allowed most varieties to set a nice crop. August cooled things off and allowed some increase in hang time and we didn't see any major heat spikes during September and October. We would definitely take a repeat performance with the growing season for 2017!

#### TASTE WITH THE WINEMAKER

"Shirtail Ranches Chardonnay is a hallmark representation of a coastally influenced wine showcasing classic tropical flavors supported by a firm acidic backbone. This Chardonnay has just a kiss of oak which adds interest to it's medium-body, refreshing flavors of vibrant ripe gala apple and lemon zest."

-Dave Guffy, Director of Winemaking

#### FOOD PAIRINGS

"This wine goes well with many types of seafood especially the delicate flavors of lobster, scallops and other light seafoods. I also enjoy this Chardonnay with creamier dishes like an earthy morel mushroom risotto."

-Chad Hendrickson, Executive Chef



<b>BLEND:</b>	100% Chardonnay
<b>ALCOHOL:</b>	13.9%
<b>PH:</b>	3.9
<b>TA:</b>	0.75 gms/100ml
<b>COOPERAGE:</b>	5% New French oak
<b>HARVESTED:</b>	Sept 13 – Oct 11, 2016
<b>RELEASED:</b>	April 2017
<b>CASES:</b>	30,000 (9L) cases produced