



# THE HESS COLLECTION

MOUNT VEEDER / NAPA VALLEY



## 2016 | NORTH COAST SHIRTAIL RANCHES SAUVIGNON BLANC

### 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

"This wine is loaded with aromatics of grapefruit and lemon grass with a hint of lime zest in the background. Refreshing acidity and citrus notes lead into a racy mouth that boasts notes of fresh fig and jasmine. This is a great warm weather wine with ample acidity and will pair nicely with a wide variety of cuisines; my favorite pairing is with oysters on the half shell." - Dave Guffy, Director of Winemaking

### FOOD PAIRINGS

"Steamed clams with lemongrass and Thai chilies. Pomelo and kumquat salad, and salty-sweet combinations like prosciutto, peaches and goat cheese." -Chad Hendrickson, Executive Chef

**BLEND:** 97% Sauvignon Blanc, 3% Semillon  
**ALCOHOL:** 13.9%  
**PH:** 3.3  
**TA:** 0.65 gms/100ml  
**COOPERAGE:** 23% aged in neutral oak  
**HARVESTED:** Aug 19 – Sept 16, 2016  
**RELEASED:** April 2017  
**CASES:** 4,160 (9L) cases produced

