



THE HESS COLLECTION

MOUNT VEEDER / NAPA VALLEY

2016 | MOUNT VEEDER CABERNET SAUVIGNON, ESTATE GROWN

THE HESS COLLECTION WINES FROM MOUNT VEEDER

Donald Hess was attracted to Mount Veeder's high elevation and challenging mountain climate, believing this rugged land would produce great grapes, leading to even greater wines. Today, the fifth Hess generation sits at the helm of the family business guided by Donald's founding vision. Mount Veeder is distinguished in Napa for having the highest elevation, coolest growing season and geographically diverse soils among its valleys and slopes. The Hess Collection Mount Veeder wines are known for complexity, structure and surprising elegance. Our estate vineyards on Mount Veeder are sustainably farmed, as directed by our founder's guiding philosophy: "Nurture the land, return what you take."

MOUNT VEEDER CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Our signature Mount Veeder Cabernet Sauvignon comes from our estate Veeder Hills Vineyard. The elevation of this vineyard ranges from 600-1,120 feet, and its steep slopes and sedimentary clay and shale soils restrict root growth, resulting in Mount Veeder's hallmark small berries with intense fruit flavors. True to its appellation, this wine possesses dark concentrated fruit flavors and robust tannins.

TASTE WITH THE WINEMAKER

"The flagship of The Hess Collection, our estate-grown Cabernet is produced from the original vineyards first acquired by Donald Hess in the late 1970s. This wine is one of my favorites to grow and make, and the 2016 vintage proved to be beautiful once more with the complexity, elegance and structure we have come to expect from our mountain fruit. On the nose, aromas of cocoa and juicy black cherry highlight the Cabernet Sauvignon at the heart of the wine, while subtle notes of delicate violets signal the presence of Malbec. We integrate a touch of Malbec to develop a softness in the tannins and to provide mouth filling layers of cassis and black plum alongside rounded notes of bittersweet chocolate. This wine is perfectly structured with elements of well-integrated toasty oak that linger throughout the lengthy, pleasing finish." – Dave Guffy, Director of Winemaking



2016 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.

CASES PRODUCED: 3,005 (9L) cases