



THE HESS COLLECTION

MOUNT VEEDER / NAPA VALLEY



2014 | 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. 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

"Our estate grown Cabernet is the flagship of The Hess Collection – grown on the original vineyards first acquired by Donald Hess in the late 70s, this is one of my favorite wines to grow and make. The 2014 vintage is vibrant with big blackberry fruit notes and sweet pleasing tannins – a surprise coming from Mount Veeder. Tannins on Mount Veeder need the most attention to ensure we craft a wine that is approachable and round, and this vintage delivers on all fronts. I love the mouth filling notes of espresso and cassis that layer around a very precise black fruit core. This is a wine that can age and age but if you are like me and you like your wines young, I promise you won't be disappointed."

– Dave Guffy, Senior Vice President of Winemaking and Viticulture

2014 VINTAGE NOTES

The harvest of 2014 will be forever remembered for being blindingly fast. Many say it was over in the blink of an eye...it wasn't just fast, it also started early (some grapes were at the winery in late August), meaning our crews spent Thanksgiving at home with their families, not a bad trade-off for some long days keeping up with the crush of grapes arriving at the winery. Fast is one thing, of course, but the real focus is always on flavor, and once again, as has been the case for recent vintages, the fruit in 2014 was simply spectacular – it is a vintage that is memorable on every measure: fast, ripe and furiously top quality.

- BLEND:** 81% Cabernet Sauvignon, 16% Malbec, 3% Petite Verdot
- ALCOHOL:** 14.5%
- PH:** 3.79
- TA:** 0.64 gms/100ml
- COOPERAGE:** Aged in 80% New French oak barrels for 22 months
- HARVESTED:** September 24, 2014 – October 23, 2014
- RELEASED:** October 2017



CASES PRODUCED: 7,594 (9L) cases