



## THE HESS COLLECTION

MOUNT VEEDER / NAPA VALLEY

### 2015 | THE LION CABERNET SAUVIGNON, ESTATE GROWN



#### THE HESS COLLECTION WINES FROM NAPA VALLEY

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."

#### THE LION CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The Lion has been the emblem of the Hess Family for many generations. It has come to symbolize the bold and persevering nature of founder Donald Hess and our winery home on Mount Veeder. "Live Each Day with the Heart and Courage of The Lion" is the Hess Family credo and The Lion Cabernet Sauvignon represents the very best Cabernet Sauvignon we produce from our estate vineyards on Mount Veeder in the very best vintages.

#### TASTE WITH THE WINEMAKER

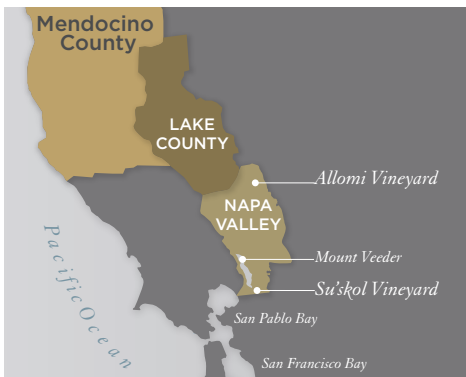
"I find The Lion Cabernet Sauvignon always presents an elegant, layered refinement in both flavor and texture. The 2015 vintage is no different as it showcases the signature style of Mount Veeder Cabernet Sauvignon with a rich, dense entry and a supple texture. On the nose, one enjoys bright aromas of black cherry and black plum with delightful notes of milk chocolate. Highly structured, the palate presents a beautiful spectrum of rich, brooding dark fruits supported by mouthfilling tannins. Hints of sweet vanilla oak and cardamom lead to a long satisfying finish."

– Dave Guffy, Director of Winemaking

- BLEND:** 82% Cabernet Sauvignon,  
10% Malbec,  
8% Petite Verdot
- ALCOHOL:** 14.8%
- PH:** 3.64
- TA:** 0.68 gms/100ml
- COOPERAGE:** Aged in 65% New French oak barrels for 22 months
- HARVESTED:** Sept. 18-Oct. 5, 2015
- RELEASED:** Spring 2018

#### 2015 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 previous years.



**CASES PRODUCED:** 230 (9L) cases