



THE HESS COLLECTION
MOUNT VEEDER / NAPA VALLEY



2016 | LION TAMER, CABERNET SAUVIGNON

THE HESS COLLECTION WINES FROM NAPA VALLEY

Though just 30 miles long and a few miles wide, Napa Valley is home to diverse microclimates and soils uniquely suited to wine grape growing. It is considered one of the premier wine regions in the world and for our Napa Valley wines we look to our estate vineyards and select growers throughout the valley to source the very best wine grapes. The Hess Collection wines are family owned, sustainably farmed and dedicated to reflecting a true sense of place. Our wines are recognizable for their elegance, rich, complex flavors and a tradition of excellence.

NAPA VALLEY LION TAMER CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The Lion has been the emblem of the Hess Family for generations. It has come to symbolize the bold and persevering nature of founder Donald Hess and our winery home on Mount Veeder. The Hess Collection has long been known for its big, bold, mountain Cabernets and a little Malbec finds its way into many of our blends. The name *Lion Tamer* has become a nickname for Malbec because we use it as our tannin tamer on our very best wine, The Lion. This Cabernet Sauvignon brings all the roar of Napa Valley, and when blended with a touch of Malbec, produces a big, lush wine that finishes with smooth and tamed round tannins.

TASTE WITH THE WINEMAKER

“Lion Tamer Cabernet Sauvignon is plush in texture with heady aromas of blackberries, black cherries and notes of freshly ground coffee. We integrate a touch of Malbec to develop a softness in the tannins, making this a wonderfully smooth and seamless wine. These mouthwatering tannins surround the palate, framing layered elements of bright blueberry, subtle smoke and deliciously rich mocha. I find this inaugural vintage of Lion Tamer Cabernet is perfectly balanced, with well-integrated sweet oak notes presenting on the lengthy, elegant finish.”
– Dave Guffy, Director of Winemaking

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. Yields were above average for most. Overall, the harvest was another welcomed season, and we find the wines of the vintage to be of excellent quality.

- BLEND:** 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Malbec
- ALCOHOL:** 14.6%
- PH:** 3.61
- TA:** 0.71 gms/100ml
- COOPERAGE:** Aged in 60% New French oak barrels for 22 months
- HARVESTED:** Oct 3 - Nov 2, 2016
- RELEASED:** February 2019



CASES PRODUCED: 1,000 (9L) cases | **SRP:** \$60