



Wine, art and vineyards create a singular identity for The Hess Collection Winery; the synthesis of these elements show founder Donald Hess' dedication to producing and making accessible those things that enrich life. Hess established his first Mount Veeder vineyard in 1978, the beginning of The Hess Collection Winery in the Napa Valley. He founded the winery with the steadfast belief that quality and goodness are the best business practices. The Hess Collection now owns more than 1,034 acres of prime California vineyards, including 704 in the Napa Valley.

The Hess Collection uses sustainable, environmentally-sound practices with the axiom, "Nurture the land, and return what you take." That philosophy brings with it a dedication to delivering wines that speak to their natural origins.

"The Romans believed that good grapes are grown on the hills," says Hess. "I saw that the soils on Mount Veeder were deep, volcanic, rocky soils. These are the very best conditions for growing berries that are smaller and more concentrated which leads to a structured, powerful and complex wine." The wines cultivated at The Hess Collection demonstrate the distinctive qualities of the individual vineyards, including the unique qualities of high altitude grapes.

The Hess Collection site was established as a winery in the 1860's on Mount Veeder in what is now the Mount Veeder Appellation of the Napa Valley. The original winery on Mount Veeder was hewn from native stone in 1903 and houses part of an art collection shown in museums worldwide making the Hess Collection the premier showcase for Hess' "two passions under one roof."

Recognized by international press for wine, art and sustainable practices, The Hess Collection has been listed in the Wine Spectator's "Top 100" list, Wine Enthusiast Best Values, Wine & Spirits Annual Restaurant Poll and the International Wine and Spirits Competition. Donald Hess has been consistently listed in ARTnews Top 200 Collectors of the world. The Hess Collection Winery was among the first wineries to receive certification for the California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance by third-party certification.