



# HESS COLLECTION

## 2003 MOUNT VEEDER CABERNET SAUVIGNON MOUNT VEEDER - NAPA VALLEY

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### HESS MOUNT VEEDER WINES

The wines of Hess Mount Veeder reflect Donald Hess' vision of mountain wines with winemaking and grape growing working hand in hand to extract the best expressions of mountain fruit. These wines display balance and elegance with ample strength and structure to age. Mount Veeder is the coolest, southern most mountain district in Napa and has both a volcanic and geologically unique soil that only occurs in this mountain AVA. The unique attributes of the soils, exposures and altitude create wines that reveal the mountain's distinct personality.

### MOUNT VEEDER CABERNET SAUVIGNON

From Veeder Hills vineyards with altitudes of 600 – 1120 feet, this wine is a powerful, brambly and structured mountain Cabernet Sauvignon that pairs well with robust dishes and grilled meats.

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The aroma is concentrated and expresses vanilla, brown sugar and mint. On the palate the wine reveals flavors of boysenberry and espresso richly framed with ripe mountain tannins.

*-Dave Guffy, Winemaker*

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<i>Blend</i>	94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot, and 2% Cabernet Franc
<i>Release Date</i>	October 2006
<i>Appellation</i>	Mount Veeder - Napa Valley
<i>Alcohol</i>	14.5%
<i>Vintage</i>	The 2003 vintage started with a very warm March giving the vines a boost to start off their growing season. This strong start proved valuable as the summer's weather pattern was cooler than normal and the grapes were slow to ripen. Then September and October brought beautiful, warm weather, a classic ingredient of great vintages in the Napa Valley. The grapes responded and by the beginning of October we were harvesting with exceptional flavors. As a result, 2003 looks to be an excellent year for collectors.
<i>Cooperage</i>	21 months in 55% new French oak
<i>Altitude</i>	Grapes were harvested from our Veeder Hills vineyard at an altitude of 600 - 1,120 feet

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*View from Veeder Hills Vineyard*