

HESS COLLECTION

MOUNT VEEDER ~ NAPA VALLEY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2005
ESTATE GROWN



HESS COLLECTION MOUNT VEEDER WINES

The wines of The Hess Collection on Mount Veeder reflect Donald Hess' vision of mountain wines where winemaking and grape growing work 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. Our founder's axiom and philosophy, "Nurture the land, return what you take", brings with it a dedication to delivering wines that speak of their natural origins.

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

On the nose mocha, brown sugar, and dark chocolate wrap around a core of mountain blackberry. Cedar and cassis follow as secondary aromas. The palate is well balanced with berry flavors and spice. While displaying classic mountain concentration, fine grained tannins provide a smooth finish. Great ageing potential.

Dave Guffy, Winemaker

Blend	94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Merlot, and 2% Malbec
Appellation	Mount Veeder - Napa Valley
Release Date	May 2008
Alcohol	14.5%
pH	4.0
TA	0.51 g/100mL
Cooperage	21 months in 55% new French oak
Vineyard	Farmed by environmentally sound practices in accordance with the Wine Institute's "Code of Sustainable Winegrowing Practices."
Altitude	Grapes were harvested from our Veeder Hills vineyard at an altitude of 600 - 1,120 feet
Vintage	The 2005 vintage will best be remembered as the vintage for hang time. The vintage started out with a wet winter and spring. This set the stage for plenty of water for the vines to start out the growing season. The spring brought warm and consistent days and allowed nearly perfect bloom and fruit set. This was a major factor in the large crop size, nearly every berry set on the clusters. The summer and fall months were very even and we did not get the typical heat spikes that usually occur. Overall 2005 was slow to ripen because it was a cooler weather year and the above average crop size. As with most vintages, patience is key to achieve every flavor nuance possible before the day of harvest.



View from Veeder Hills Vineyard