

HESS COLLECTION

MOUNT VEEDER ~ NAPA VALLEY

CABERNET SAUVIGNON 2006 ESTATE GROWN



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Donald Hess was attracted to Mount Veeder for its elevation and unique mountain climate, which he believed would yield the best grapes to produce great wines. Mount Veeder is distinguished among Napa's mountain districts for having the highest elevation, coolest growing season and geologically diverse soils. True to the unique mountain terroir, Hess Mount Veeder wines are known for their complexity, structure and elegance. Our mountain estate's 310 acres of vineyards are sustainably farmed in accordance with Donald's philosophy; "Nurture the land, return what you take."

2006 MOUNT VEEDER CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Our signature Mount Veeder Cabernet Sauvignon comes from our estate Veeder Hills Vineyard. The elevation of this vineyard ranges from 600-1,120 feet, and its steep slopes and sedimentary clay and shale soils restrict root growth, resulting in Mount Veeder's hallmark small berries with intense fruit flavors. True to its appellation, this wine possesses dark concentrated fruit flavors and robust tannins.

WINEMAKER COMMENTS

This wine is complex and alluring with flavors of wild mountain blackberry, black cherry, currant and sweet molasses, accented by underlying flavors of graphite and cedar box. Hints of vanilla and toast are imparted by new French oak barrels. The addition of Mount Veeder Malbec—with its distinguishing characteristics of dark chocolate and boysenberry—adds a heightened intensity to the fruit and lends texture to this wine, while softening and balancing the tannins for a long elegant finish. Accessible now, this wine will continue to age gracefully though 2018.

VINTAGE

The 2006 growing season started off very wet, with rains continuing into early spring, resulting in vigorous growth in the vineyards. A moderate summer allowed the grapes to ripen slowly and evenly, followed by warm September days leading up to harvest, which allowed the grapes to achieve optimal ripeness and intense flavors.

BLEND	86% Cabernet Sauvignon, 12% Malbec, 1% Merlot, 1% Petit Verdot
ALCOHOL	14.4%
pH	3.98
TA	0.51g/100ml
COOPERAGE	18 months in 50% New French Oak

