

HESS COLLECTION

MOUNT VEEDER ~ NAPA VALLEY

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

2007



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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 Valley'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 our founder's philosophy: "Nurture the land, return what you take."

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

The 2007 Mount Veeder Cabernet Sauvignon shows vanilla, cinnamon, and Asian spices in the nose, which give way to ripe fruit. Wild mountain blackberry and boysenberry are layered with fine-grained tannin to create a memorable wine of grace and complexity. 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 through 2019.

VINTAGE

2007 began with a dry winter and spring, with about half of the usual rainfall. The drier climate created ideal growing conditions with manageable yields in the vineyards. Moderate temperatures, without the typical heat spikes in September and October leading into harvest, allowed the fruit to ripen evenly, without dehydration.

BLEND:	83% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Malbec and 7% Merlot
ALCOHOL:	14.6%
PH:	3.78
TA:	0.59g/100ml
COOPERAGE:	18 months in French Oak (50% new)

