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# Wine & Spirits

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**91 Points – Best Buy**  
**(Exceptional)**

“Grown at Veeder Summit, Hess’s highest-altitude vineyard ranging from 1,300 to 2000 feet, this is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon (74%) with Malbec, Syrah, Merlot and Petit Verdot. The volcanic soils and conifer forest that fed those soils over the ages show their influence in the cool, woody tone of the wine. It tastes of dark red cherries under crushed stone, the texture sleek and rich, the tannins musky. That wild, almost feral character in the tannin adds complexity, which should continue to develop as the wine’s tense structure mellows with age.”

*- Joshua Greene*

April 2011



## HESS COLLECTION MOUNT VEEDER ~ NAPA VALLEY

### 19 BLOCK CUVÉE 2007

**89 Pts** 

(“Fine Example, Without Flaws”)

“Showing a touch of the proportion and polish that are the marks of the 2007 vintage, this balanced, medium-full-bodied Cabernet is fit with plenty of well-defined, curranty fruit and is sweetened by a soupcon of creamy oak. It is supple and smooth on the palate but finds a good bit of tannic grip at the end, and, if drinkable now with hearty meats, it has room for a few years of positive growth.”

-- *Charles Olken*

# California GRAPEVINE



February/March 2011



## HESS COLLECTION MOUNT VEEDER ~ NAPA VALLEY

### 19 BLOCK CUVÉE 2007

**89 Pts**  
**(Highly Recommended)**

“Medium to medium-dark ruby with purplish tinges; attractive, moderately intense, herbal, cedary, tarrish, cassis and black cherry fruit aroma with hints of green olive, tobacco and bell pepper; medium-full to full body; rich, textured, cedary, black cherry and dark berry fruit flavors; medium-full tannin; lingering aftertaste. Very approachable now as it developed with airing in the glass.”

*- Nick Ponomareff*