



# HESS COLLECTION

## 2004 MOUNTAIN CUVÉE MOUNT VEEDER - NAPA VALLEY



### 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.

### MOUNTAIN CUVÉE

From Veeder Crest and Summit vineyards with altitudes of 1,300-2,000 feet, this wine is a proprietary blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Merlot, Malbec, and Cabernet Franc that is estate grown on Mount Veeder.

### WINEMAKER COMMENTS

The 2004 Mount Veeder Cuvée has complex aromas of cassis, cedar, and mint. Black cherry on the palate is expressive of our mountain fruit, while finished tannins provide an underlying structure which will continue to evolve with proper cellaring. This wine complements an adventurous range of culinary tastes.

*-Dave Guffy, Winemaker*

<i>Blend</i>	72% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Merlot, 10% Malbec, 6% Syrah and 1% Cabernet Franc
<i>Release Date</i>	July 2007
<i>Appellation</i>	Mount Veeder - Napa Valley
<i>Alcohol</i>	14.5%
<i>Vintage</i>	The 2004 vintage started with an early spring giving the vines a boost to start off their growing season. This strong start was followed by a warm, consistent weather pattern in summer that ended with several hot fast ripening periods. This short and sweet harvest produced a memorable 2004 vintage with low yield, high quality grapes characterized by ripeness and intensity.
<i>Cooperage</i>	18 months in 55% new French oak
<i>Altitude</i>	Grapes were harvested from our Veeder Crest and Summit vineyards at an altitude of 1,300 - 2,000 feet

