



**SMALL
BLOCK
SERIES**

2006

AUCTION LOT 11



BLEND: 75% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Malbec, 10% Syrah

APPELLATION: Mount Veeder, Napa Valley

ALCOHOL: 14.5%

pH 3.85

TA 0.59 g/100mL

COOPERAGE: Aged for 20 months in French Oak Barrels (65% New)

13 Barrels Produced

The Hess Collection is best known for Mount Veeder Cabernet Sauvignon, yet our experience growing vines on our mountain estate, with its high elevation, steep slopes and rocky soils has taught us that other varietals also excel here. We've observed every block of our mountain vineyards and discovered where each varietal naturally thrives. Lot 11 was especially complex and deserving of wines slated for Auction.

MOUNT VEEDER, NAPA VALLEY

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."

WINEMAKER NOTES

This wine begins with inviting aromas of red licorice, molasses and brown sugar, followed on the palate by flavors of black cherry, wild mountain blackberry, milk chocolate and toffee, with hints of well-integrated oak. Complex and elegant, this wine is approachable now and will continue to age gracefully.

2006 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.

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