



HESS
SELECT®

CABERNET
SAUVIGNON

2007

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37% LAKE COUNTY · 16% NAPA COUNTY



HESS SELECT WINES

To create Hess Select wines, we seek out the regions best suited to growing fruit-forward wines true to their varietal character. In accordance with founder Donald Hess' philosophy: "Nurture the land, return what you take," we adhere to sustainable farming practices and work exclusively with grapes from our estate vineyards and a select group of growers with whom we've had long-term relationships.

2007 MENDOCINO, LAKE, NAPA COUNTY CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Winemaker Dave Guffy selected grapes from three of California's premium Cabernet winegrowing regions—Mendocino County, Lake County and Napa Valley—to create this wine. Mendocino, with its warm, inland Mediterranean climate, provides excellent growing conditions, as warm days allow the fruit to ripen fully, yielding rich and complex wines. Lake County's temperate climate and well-drained volcanic and gravelly soils are also well-suited to Cabernet. Napa Valley's warm climate and long growing season is ideally suited to Cabernet Sauvignon, and is known for yielding rich, complex and dense Cabernets. Mendocino contributes spice and mid-palate, Lake County adds the classic red fruit profile of Bing cherry, and Napa Valley maintains our signature style and structure, and flavors of black fruit and cassis.

WINEMAKERS NOTES

This wine opens with aromas of black cherry fruit and caramel on the nose. Concentrated fruit flavors dominate, with ripe fleshy plum, cherry, spice, and a hint of soft dusty oak, ending with a soft, graceful finish.

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: 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot, 5% Syrah

APPELLATION: 47% Mendocino County, 37% Lake County, 16% Napa County

COOPERAGE: Aged 12-13 Months in French Oak (35% New)

TOTAL ACID: 0.62g/100ml

PH: 3.81

ALCOHOL: 13.5%



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