



THE HESS COLLECTION

MOUNT VEEDER / NAPA VALLEY

2014 | THE LION CABERNET SAUVIGNON, ESTATE GROWN



THE HESS COLLECTION WINES FROM MOUNT VEEDER

Donald Hess was attracted to Mount Veeder's high elevation and challenging mountain climate, believing this rugged land would produce great grapes, leading to even greater wines. Mount Veeder is distinguished in Napa for having the highest elevation, coolest growing season and geographically diverse soils among its valleys and slopes. The Hess Collection Mount Veeder wines are known for complexity, structure and surprising elegance. Our estate vineyards on Mount Veeder are sustainably farmed, as directed by our founder's guiding philosophy: "Nurture the land, return what you take."

THE LION CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The Lion has been the emblem of the Hess Family for many generations. It has come to symbolize the bold and persevering nature of founder Donald Hess and our winery home on Mount Veeder. "Live Each Day with the Heart and Courage of The Lion" is the Hess Family credo and The Lion Cabernet Sauvignon represents the very best Cabernet Sauvignon we produce from our estate vineyards on Mount Veeder in the very best vintages. The 2014 vintage marks the second vintage that is a winemaking collaboration between consulting winemaker Celia Welch and Hess Winemaker Dave Guffy.

BLEND: 82% Cabernet Sauvignon, 17% Malbec, 1% Petite Verdot
ALCOHOL: 14.8%
PH: 3.61
TA: 0.62 gms/100ml
COOPERAGE: Aged in 65% New French oak barrels for 22 months
HARVESTED: October 2 – 6, 2014
RELEASED: March 2017

TASTE WITH THE WINEMAKER

"In this vintage of The Lion Cabernet Sauvignon, I find the nose filled with generous aromas of blue and black fruits – blackberry, blueberry and a hint of dark chocolate. To me, this wine is always refined and elegant, and in the 2014 vintage there is a density in both flavor and texture that draws me right to it. The palate displays a beautiful spectrum of rich, ripe, dark fruits supported by distinctive barrel spice flavors and mouth coating tannins. This Cabernet Sauvignon showcases the signature style of Mount Veeder fruit with depth and richness, a velvety texture and a lasting vibrancy."

– Dave Guffy, Director of Winemaking

2014 VINTAGE NOTES

"The harvest of 2014 will be forever remembered for being blindingly fast. Many claim it was over in the blink of an eye...it wasn't just fast, it started early (some grapes were at the winery in late August), meaning our crews spent Thanksgiving at home with their families, not a bad trade-off for some long days keeping up with the crush of grapes arriving at the winery. Fast is one thing, of course, but the real focus is always on flavor, and once again, as has been the case for recent vintages, the fruit is simply spectacular, giving winemakers a chance to develop wines with real character, a vintage that is memorable on every measure: fast, ripe and furiously top quality."

CASES PRODUCED: 977 (9L) cases

