



THE HESS COLLECTION
MOUNT VEEDER / NAPA VALLEY



2014 | MOUNT VEEDER 19 BLOCK MOUNTAIN CUVÉE

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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.”

“19 BLOCK” MOUNTAIN CUVÉE

Winemaker selections from 19 favorite blocks in our Veeder Summit vineyard, at elevations ranging from 1,300 to 2,000 feet, form the backbone for our mountain cuvée. Steep slopes and volcanic soils laced with clay give vines a challenge, producing tiny, intensely flavored berries. Year after year, this is one of our favorite expressions of mountain winemaking at its finest.

TASTE WITH THE WINEMAKER

“This wine has become one of the great favorites amongst our employees and collectors – a beautiful and bold blend that highlights how Malbec can wrap itself seductively around Cabernet and create a luscious and complete wine. Malbec has become my go-to blending variety and when it grows on Mount Veeder it sings. This vintage is dense, ripe and doesn’t hold back – big sweet juicy tannins and high-toned florals co-mingle with flavors of fresh picked blackberries and nutmeg. Mouth filling and plush and lingering in its finish, it has great structure that is enjoyable upon release and will only get better with age.”

– Dave Guffy, Director of Winemaking

2014 VINTAGE NOTES

The harvest of 2014 will be forever remembered for being blindingly fast. Many say it was over in the blink of an eye...it wasn’t just fast, it also 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 in 2014 was simply spectacular – it is a vintage that is memorable on every measure: fast, ripe and furiously top quality.

- BLEND:** 54% Malbec, 38% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Syrah, 3% Petite Verdot
- ALCOHOL:** 14.6%
- PH:** 3.8
- TA:** 0.66gms/100ml
- COOPERAGE:** 18 months in French oak (60% new)
- HARVESTED:** Sept 16 – Oct 18, 2014
- RELEASED:** September 2017



CASES PRODUCED: 850 (9L) cases | **SRP:** \$38