



THE HESS COLLECTION

MOUNT VEEDER / NAPA VALLEY

2019 | THE LION CABERNET SAUVIGNON, ESTATE GROWN



THE HESS COLLECTION WINES FROM MOUNT VEEDER

The founder of The Hess Collection, 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 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 served as the emblem of the Hess family for many generations, and it has come to symbolize the bold and persevering nature of founder, Donald Hess. Today, the Lion continues to define the spirit behind the wines of The Hess Collection under the stewardship of the next generation of the Hess family. "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 Lion Cabernet Sauvignon is a winemaking collaboration between Consulting Winemaker Celia Welch and Hess Winemaker Dave Guffy, who together craft a wine of distinctive character.

BLEND: 82% Cabernet Sauvignon
15% Malbec
3% Petit Verdot

ALCOHOL: 14.55%

PH: 3.78

TA: 0.62 gms/100ml

COOPERAGE: Aged in 65% New French oak barrels for 22 months

COOPERS: Saury, Sylvain, Orion

HARVESTED: October 16 – 29, 2019

PRODUCTION: 747 (9L) cases

TASTE WITH THE WINEMAKER

"The Lion Cabernet Sauvignon consistently presents an eloquent expression of Mount Veeder fruit with an exceptional refinement in aroma, flavor and texture. The 2019 vintage proves to be exemplary, exhibiting aromas of lush blackberry mountain fruit and bramble with an earthy, brown spice undertone. Velvety, round tannins create a silky, lush entry with a structured backbone intensified by flavors of dark cocoa and black fruits, married together by subtle sweet vanilla and baking spices that embody the long finish."

– Dave Guffy, Director of Winemaking

2019 VINTAGE NOTES

Vintage 2019 began later than normal in some areas, but delivered superb results. Spring was marked by occasional rains, which allowed fruit to mature at a steady pace. Summer helped the grapevines to ripen and catch up from the late start. The warm days and cool nights of the fall allowed gradual sugar accumulation and longer hang times, promising fruit of the highest quality with structural beauty from balanced tannin, sugar and acid levels.

