

MAVERICK RANCHES

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CABERNET SAUVIGNON | PASO ROBLES | 2023

HESS MAVERICK RANCHES WINES

From pioneering Mount Veeder, to the far reaches of the Napa Valley, Donald Hess was always drawn to the rough and rugged. A beautiful expression of Paso Robles, this wine pays homage to our winery's founder and brings the untamed spirit of the Central Coast into a bright, approachable Cabernet Sauvignon. Hailing from this wild-hearted wine region, Hess Maverick Ranches showcases the robust style Paso Robles has to offer.

TASTE WITH THE WINEMAKER

The 2023 Maverick Ranches Cabernet Sauvignon opens with pronounced aromas of black plum and currant, complemented by nuanced layers of blackberry and cardamom, finishing with subtle notes of vanilla and cinnamon toast. On the palate, fine-grained tannins provide balance, supporting concentrated flavors of black cherry, raspberry, and mulberry. The velvety finish lingers with impressions of chocolate-covered cherry, dried herbs, and toasted oak.

2023 VINTAGE NOTES

The 2023 growing season in Paso Robles was marked by abundant winter rainfall, with several areas receiving over 30 inches—more than twice the annual average. This welcome moisture replenished the soil and helped offset the effects of previous drought years. A prolonged winter delayed bud break, and the season continued with moderate summer temperatures. These conditions allowed for extended hang time, pushing harvest several weeks later than usual. Warm days in October provided ideal conditions for achieving optimal physiological ripeness. As a result, the 2023 vintage stands out for its exceptional quality, showcasing vibrant freshness, natural acidity, and rich flavors.



BLEND: 87% Cabernet Sauvignon

13% Petite Sirah

ALCOHOL: 14.2%

PH: 3.8

TA: 0.57 gms/100ml

FERMENTATION: 12 months in

50% new French oak

HARVESTED: October 2, 2023 –

November 3, 2023