

2022 | THE LION, CABERNET SAUVIGNON MOUNT VEEDER, NAPA VALLEY

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 Stephanie Pope, who together craft a wine of distinctive character.

TASTE WITH THE WINEMAKER

"The Lion Cabernet Sauvignon consistently delivers an elegant, layered refinement in both flavor and texture, and the 2022 vintage is no exception. It embodies the signature style of Mount Veeder Cabernet Sauvignon, offering a rich, dense entry with a smooth, supple texture. On the nose, vibrant aromas of black cherry and black plum are complemented by delightful notes of milk chocolate. The palate is highly structured, showcasing a deep spectrum of dark, brooding fruit flavors, supported by mouth-coating tannins. Subtle hints of sweet vanilla oak and cardamom linger, leading to a long, satisfying finish."

- Stephanie Pope, Senior Winemaker

2022 VINTAGE NOTES

Vintage 2022 began with a warm spring and little rain. By the time fall was kicking off a heat wave came, through around Labor Day weekend, then shifted back to temperate conditions. This resulted in lower yields with small berries that were packed with intensely lush flavor. Early ripening, sunny summer heat, and a lack of water were balanced out by a very welcomed cool ending to the fall season. The extreme fall weather created interesting conditions for our fruit to steady and allowed us to harvest at the optimal moment to make a beautifully balanced wine. Vintage 2022 will continue to be celebrated for its dense fruit, bold structure, and unforgettable complexity.



BLEND: 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

ALCOHOL: 14.8% PH: 3.58

TA: 0.61 gm/100 ml

COOPERAGE: Aged in 65% New French

oak barrels for 22 months

COOPERS: Saury, Sylvain, Orion

HARVESTED: Sept. 14 – Oct. 14, 2022

PRODUCTION: 350 (9L) cases

PRICE: \$225