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Mount Veeder

NAPA VALLEY | ESTATE GROWN

19 BLOCK MOUNTAIN CUVÉE

2023



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. 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 the 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

There are certain exceptional blocks within our Mount Veeder estate vineyards that consistently yield fruit reflecting the true art of mountain winemaking. As Napa Valley's coolest and wettest mountain appellation, Mount Veeder offers an extended growing season—allowing fruit to ripen slowly and develop layered complexity. The result is a wine that captures the essence of this rugged terroir.

"The 2023 "19 Block" Cuvée opens with an alluring bouquet of rich cassis syrup and savory tobacco leaf, accented by complex undertones of sarsaparilla and cream soda. On the palate, the wine is plush and expansive, revealing dense dark fruit and concentrated cordial notes framed by finely structured tannins. Elegant and expressive, it strikes a balance between decadent richness and a remarkably fresh, vibrant finish. While youthful today, cellar aging or decanting will reveal a stunning harmony of depth and effortless finesse."

— Stephanie Pope, Senior Winemaker

2023 VINTAGE NOTES

Vintage 2023 is characterized as one of the longest growing seasons in a decade. The mild weather led to above-average crop yields. With all of the heavy winter rains, the reservoirs were full and soils saturated. The winter rains gave the vines much needed hydration as they woke up from their dormant winter. Cool weather and sunshine enabled a slow maturity for deep vibrant flavors.

BLEND: 66% Malbec
24% Cabernet Sauvignon
5% Syrah
5% Petit Verdot

ALCOHOL: 14.8%

PH: 3.66

TA: 0.63 gms/100ml

RS: 0.105 gms/100ml

COOPERAGE: Aged in 60% New French oak for 18 months

HARVESTED: Oct. 11 - Nov. 01, 2023

The Hess Collection is certified California Sustainable Vineyard & Winery

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