THE HESS COLLECTION
MOUNT VEEDER / NAPA VALLEY

2023 | THE LION, CABERNET SAUVIGNON
ESTATE GROWN, MOUNT VEEDER, NAPA VALLEY



BLEND:	100% Cabernet Sauvignon
ALCOHOL:	14.8%
PH:	3.65
TA:	0.59 gm/100 ml
RS:	0.056 gm/100 ml
COOPERAGE:	Aged in 65% new French oak barrels for 22 months
COOPERS:	Saury, Sylvain, Orion
HARVESTED:	Oct. 14 – Oct. 16, 2023
PRODUCTION:	425 (9L) cases

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 2023 vintage is no exception. It embodies the signature style of Mount Veeder Cabernet Sauvignon, offering a rich, dense entry with a smooth, supple texture. Aromas of velvet cherry cordial, warm cinnamon, and subtle anise are layered with delicate notes of toasted marshmallow. The palate is vibrant yet opulently textured, showcasing bright, expressive fruit flavors that carry through a long, vanilla-infused finish, balanced by lively fresh fruit acidity. Silken, structured tannins provide a framework for both elegance and longevity, and though still very young, this wine promises exceptional aging potential of 20+ years."

– Stephanie Pope, Senior Winemaker

2023 VINTAGE NOTES

The 2023 vintage was marked by one of the longest growing seasons in over a decade. Abundant winter rains replenished reservoirs and deeply saturated the soils, providing vines with essential hydration as they emerged from dormancy. Mild spring and summer temperatures, coupled with steady sunshine, created ideal conditions for slow, even ripening. This extended hang time allowed grapes to develop deep, vibrant flavors with remarkable balance and complexity.