



THE HESS COLLECTION

MOUNT VEEDER / NAPA VALLEY

2021 | 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 Stephanie Pope, who together craft a wine of distinctive character.

TASTE WITH THE WINEMAKER

"Our Lion Cabernet Sauvignon consistently presents an eloquent expression of Mount Veeder fruit with an exceptional refinement in aroma, flavor and texture. With its deep garnet hue in glass, the 2021 Lion Cabernet offers rich cassis and blackberry aromas that intertwine with hints of clove and nutmeg. The fine grained tannins elegantly balance the palate, allowing the harmonious flavors of açai, plum and blueberry to flow together seamlessly, culminating in a polished finish."

– Stephanie Pope, Senior Winemaker

2021 VINTAGE NOTES

Vintage 2021 began with a warm spring and little rain. By the time midsummer was approaching, it was clear that we were experiencing severe drought conditions, leading to fewer grape clusters on the vine. This resulted in lower yields with small berries that were packed with intense, lush flavor. Early ripening, sunny summer heat, and a lack of water were balanced out by a welcomed cool fall season. The more temperate fall weather created the perfect conditions for our fruit to continue ripening steadily and allowed us to harvest at the optimal moment. Vintage 2021 will continue to be celebrated for its dense fruit, bold structure, and unforgettable complexity.

BLEND:	95% Cabernet Sauvignon 4% Malbec 1% Petit Verdot
ALCOHOL:	14.9%
PH:	3.57
TA:	0.63 gm/100 ml
COOPERAGE:	Aged in 65% New French oak barrels for 22 months
COOPERS:	Saury, Sylvain, Orion
HARVESTED:	Sept. 14 – Oct. 14, 2021
PRODUCTION:	252 (9L) cases

The Hess Collection is certified California Sustainable Winery

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