



2007  
MALBEC



VARIETAL: 100% Malbec, Estate Grown, Mount Veeder  
APPELLATION: Napa Valley  
HARVEST DATE: October 11, 2007  
BOTTLING DATE: February 2009  
ALCOHOL: 14.3%  
pH 3.90  
TA 0.52 g/100mL  
COOPERAGE: 17 months in French oak (40% new)  
12 Barrels Produced

The Hess Collection is best known for Mount Veeder Cabernet Sauvignon, yet our experiences growing vines on our mountain estate, with its high elevation, steep slopes and rocky soils have taught us that other varietals also thrive here. We've observed every block of our mountain vineyards and discovered where each varietal naturally excels. Our cooler mountain terroir is ideal for Malbec, yielding rich, elegant wines. Our mountain estate's 310 acres of vineyards are sustainably farmed in accordance with our founder Donald Hess' philosophy; "Nurture the land, return what you take."

#### WINEMAKER NOTES:

Inviting aromas of black cherry mingle with Cardamom spice, opening up on a rich mid palate, driven by dark fruit flavors. Complex and elegant, this wine has excellent structure and supple tannins, which yield on a long finish.

#### 2007 VINTAGE:

2007 began with a dry winter and spring, with about half of the usual rainfall. The drier climate created ideal growing conditions with manageable yields in the vineyards. Moderate temperatures, without the typical heat spikes in September and October leading into harvest, allowed the fruit to ripen evenly, without dehydration.