



FACT SHEET THE HESS COLLECTION

FOUNDING: The Hess Collection was founded by Swiss entrepreneur Donald Hess. Hess first purchased vineyards on Mount Veeder in 1978, and made wine under The Hess Collection label in 1983. In 1986, he began renovation of the historic winery, originally constructed in 1903 by Colonel Theodore Gier. The winery opened to the public in 1989.

VINEYARDS: The Hess Collection has 310 acres of vineyards on Mount Veeder, along with select single vineyard sites—Su’skol Vineyard (175 acres) and Allomi Vineyard (210 acres) in Napa Valley, and Shirtail Creek Vineyard (352 acres) in Monterey. Each of these vineyards is sustainably farmed in accordance with Donald’s philosophy; “Nurture the land, return what you take.”

WINES:

Hess Collection Mount Veeder, Napa Valley

Wines from The Hess Collection Mount Veeder estate are truly an expression of the unique mountain climate they come from and are distinguished for their complexity, structure and elegance.

Hess Single Vineyard Napa Valley

Single vineyard estates were carefully chosen for the uniqueness and quality of the soils, climate conditions and topography. The Su’skol Vineyard is located within site of the San Francisco Bay where morning fog and afternoon breezes create an ideal climate for Chardonnay. The Allomi Vineyard is located in one of the more remote areas of Napa Valley, where warmer days provide optimal ripening conditions for Cabernet Sauvignon and Sauvignon Blanc

Hess Appellation Series

To create Hess Appellation series wines, we seek out the regions best suited to growing fruit-forward wines true to their varietal character. To create these wines, we use grapes from our estate vineyards and a select group of growers in Napa, Monterey, Lake and Mendocino Counties.

Small Block Series

Our experiences growing vines on our mountain estate, with its high elevation, steep slopes and rocky soils, taught us that many different varietals, including Malbec, Syrah and Viognier, can excel here. These limited production wines are available exclusively at the Mount Veeder winery.

APPELLATION: Donald Hess was attracted to Mount Veeder for its elevation and unique mountain climate, which he believed would yield the best grapes to produce great wines. Mount Veeder is distinguished among Napa’s mountain districts for having the highest elevation, coolest growing season and geologically diverse soils.

ART: The Hess Collection provides free public access to its Contemporary Art Museum, which features works pulled from a private collection actively acquired by Donald Hess since 1966. Hess’ collection is considered by *ARTnews Magazine* to be one of the top 200 in the world. Our current exhibition includes such artists as Francis Bacon, Lynn Hershman Leeson, Robert Rauschenberg and Robert Motherwell.

VISITORS CENTER: The Hess Collection Visitor Center is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for wine tasting, tours and retail sales. For more information or to make reservations call 707.255.1144.

PEOPLE:

Donald Hess – Founder

Gary Bulger – President

Dave Guffy – Director of Winemaking

Sander Scheer – Viticulturist