

Estate expression • Elevated vineyards • Rare

Our Highland Estates wines showcase our estate properties located on mountains, ridges, hillsides and benchlands in cool coastal California vineyards. This series is all about *terroir*. Each label has a pictorial representation of the estate vineyard from which the fruit was sourced. The combination of soil, elevation and climate on each estate is a key contributor to the wine's powerful style.

## NAPA MOUNTAIN

### 2004 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

MOUNT VEEDER

#### STATISTICAL INFORMATION

**Appellation:**

Mount Veeder

**Composition:**

100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Barrel Aging:**

Aged 21 months in French oak barrels, 89% new

**Cases Produced:** 422

**Alcohol:** 14.5

**TA:** .59 g/100 ml

**pH:** 3.76

#### ACCOLADES

92+ *Points*

*"The blockbuster 2004 Highland Estates Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Mountain Estate comes from Jess Jackson's vineyard on Mt. Veeder. It boasts an inky/purple color in addition to sweet aromas of blue fruits, crème de cassis, licorice, and graphite."*

Robert M. Parker, Jr.

*The Wine Advocate*, 12/26/06

#### KEY POINTS

**Elevation:** 1,250 – 1,850 feet above sea level.

**Source:** Mount Veeder in Napa Valley, 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Clonal Selection:** Clones 4, 337 and 8 on 3309C, 101-14, 1103P and 110R rootstocks.

**Canopy:** Vertical shoot positioned (VSP) and cordon spur pruned.

**Soil:** Weathering volcanic rock that builds the shallow, igneous rock and loam, laced with beige volcanic pumice outcroppings. Soil depths as low as 12 inches on hilltops to four feet in some areas.

**Flavor Profile:** Inky-dark purple color. Deeply aromatic, blue and black fruit, mineral notes. Well extracted, richly layered, with chewy tannins and a luscious long finish.

**Climate:** Cooler due to high elevation and lower Napa Valley location. Mediterranean climate influence from the San Pablo Bay.

**Of Note:** The Mount Veeder region produces Cabernet berries that are abnormally small, resulting in intense concentrated flavors. The mountain's volcanic vineyard signature is the hallmark of this wine.

