



Hestan

Overview: Hestan Cabernet Sauvignon is the flagship wine of Napa Valley's celebrated Hestan Vineyards, while Hestan Chardonnay is the exclusive bottling of the winery's tiny San Francisco Bay estate vineyard. Each expresses the provenance of the land and the mastery of artisan winemaking in a singularly expressive opus.

Founded: 2005

Proprietors: Stanley and Helen Cheng

Vineyard: Hestan Vineyards, Napa
Hestan Chardonnay Vineyard, Vallejo
(San Francisco Bay appellation)

Winemakers: Mark Herold (through '08 vintage)
Thomas Rivers Brown ('09 vintage forward)

Wine: 2005 Hestan Cabernet Sauvignon (\$100/410 cases)
2006 Hestan Chardonnay (\$50/400 cases)



Viticulture: Situated in the rolling hills of eastern Napa Valley, Hestan Vineyards is a 41-acre tapestry of small, individually farmed blocks, planted to the five principle red Bordeaux varietals: Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot, Cabernet Franc, and Malbec. The vineyard's unique mix of soils, slopes, exposures, rootstocks, clones and varietals contribute to the depth and complexity of the vineyard's flagship Hestan Cabernet Sauvignon. Tucked into two, bay-side acres just 20 minutes north of San Francisco, the Hestan Chardonnay Vineyard reveals the bounty of its coastal proximity in the rich flavors and harmonious balance of Hestan Chardonnay.

Winemaking: Hestan Cabernet Sauvignon and Chardonnay are the product of a "no holds barred" approach to winemaking that starts in the vineyard, where the best blocks, rows and even vines are reserved for each blend. In the cellar, the small lots are kept separate, vinified individually and reassessed at each step in the winemaking process. After resting in the finest French cooperage, the wines go through one last culling process with only the very best barrels reserved for the final blend.

Distribution: Hestan wines are sold directly to mailing list customers and offered in select markets nationally. Hestan Vineyards is not open to the public.

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