

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 site signature and artisan winemaking in a singularly expressive opus.

Founded: 2002

Proprietors: Stanley and Helen Cheng

Vineyard: Hestan Vineyards, Napa Valley

Winemaker: Mark Herold

Wine: 2008 Hestan Cabernet Sauvignon (\$100/410 cases) **Sold Out**
2009 Hestan Chardonnay (\$50/649 cases)
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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. Hestan Chardonnay is sourced from a two-acre bay-front vineyard planted at the southernmost tip of Napa's Hwy 29 on the site of owner Stanley Cheng's Meyer Cookware Company. The San Francisco Bay Appellation vineyard's coastal proximity reveals itself 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 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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