

HENDRY



HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

MERLOT 2010

The Hendry Vineyard is located on bench lands west of the town of Napa. The vines grow on thin, stony clay soil between 200 and 300 feet above sea level. Morning fog and strong afternoon breezes from San Pablo Bay moderate the climate.

The Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot blocks in our vineyard were all planted with the intention of having wines to blend in small amounts with our Cabernet Sauvignon. Hendry Merlot is planted in blocks 13A, planted to clone 3, and 13B, planted to clone 14. Block 13B is our oldest Merlot block, planted in 1995.

Each year, we pick our small blocks of Bordeaux varietals and ferment and barrel age them individually, each according to its own recipe. After barrel aging, we determine a unique formula for our RED blend based on the characteristics and quantities of the vintage.

This wine was aged 15 months in French oak barrels, approximately 40% of which were new.

Soft and spicy on the nose, opening to deep berry aromas. Typical for this bottling are low-register aromas of cocoa, eucalyptus and mint, and deep berry fruit. Tannins fine-grained, but abundant enough for Cabernet lovers.

Alcohol 15.0%.

Only 77 cases produced