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2012 BLOCK 24
PRIMITIVO
NAPA VALLEY

Hendry Block 24 is located on bench lands west of the town of Napa. This 1.96 acre block is approximately 200 feet above sea level and has thin, stony Boomer series soils. The maritime climate is moderated by morning fog and strong afternoon breezes from San Pablo Bay. The vines were planted in 1997 using St. George roots and grafted with U.C.D. Primitivo Clone 3. The vines are spaced 6.9' x 5', cordon trained and spur pruned. A vertical trellis system supports the cordon and the canopy. Average production is 3.5 tons per acre and the average harvest dates are between September 15 and September 21.

In 2012, bud break in Block 24 occurred April 11th. Median bloom was May 29th and median veraison was August 5th. Harvest was September 21st with an average yield of 4.1 tons per acre. Alcoholic fermentation was completed in approximately ten days in closed stainless steel fermentation tanks. After completing alcoholic fermentation, the wine was pressed and put into barrels for malolactic fermentation. Aging was fifteen months in French oak barrels, approximately one third of which were new.

Typical Primitivo aromas of jam and berries. The moderate oak treatment emerges as a soft spice. The round, fruit-driven palate is balanced by moderate oak and very gentle tannins. Our favorite pairings for Primitivo are hard cheeses like Manchego or Parmesan, chocolate, charcuterie and leaner meats or game, and easy-going enough for weeknight dinners. For those who like a glass of wine to start or end the evening, Primitivo is also very nice all by itself.

Alcohol 15.6%

Only 648 Cases produced

