


HENDRY 
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1939 - 2014

**HENDRY VINEYARD
NAPA VALLEY**

**PINOT NOIR
2012**

Our Pinot Noir Blocks 4A, 4B, 5 and 25 are located along Redwood Creek, west of the town of Napa. The elevation is between 200 and 220 feet above sea level. The soil is thin loam on a solid rock base. The climate is moderated by morning fog, and the surrounding hills protect these blocks from the afternoon maritime breeze. The St. George roots were grafted with the Dijon 115 clone, a Joseph Swan field selection and UCD Clone 12. The vines were planted between 1993 and 1998, cordon trained and spur pruned. A six-foot, modified vertical trellis system supports the cordons and canopy. Average production is approximately 2 tons per acre and harvest is usually between August 25 and September 1.

In 2012, bud break in the Pinot Noir Blocks occurred on March 29th. Bloom was completed by May 20, and veraison was complete by July 29th. Harvest was September 6th-11th, with an average yield of 2 tons per acre. Alcoholic fermentation was completed in approximately one week using natural yeasts. At dryness, the wine was pressed and put into barrels for malolactic fermentation. Aging was 11 months in 100% French oak barrels, approximately 50% of which were new.

Ripe cherry fruit, spice, smoke, cedar and brown sugar aromatics. Straightforwardly fruity, berry-cherry fruit. A warmer vintage that produced lots of ripe fruit. Flavors are satisfying and round, focused on fruit more than some of the more herbal, leathery elements we might find in a vintage with cooler growing conditions.

Alcohol: 14.7 %.

896 cases produced