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HENDRY VINEYARD
NAPA VALLEY

2013 ZINFANDEL BLOCK 28

Hendry Block 28 is located on bench lands west of the town of Napa. This 4.17 acre block is 160 feet above sea level and has thin, stony “Boomer Series” soils. Morning fog and strong afternoon breezes from San Pablo Bay moderate the maritime climate.

The vines were planted in 1998 using St. George roots and grafted with budwood selected from an old-vine Zinfandel vineyard. The vines are spaced 6.9' x 5', cordon trained and spur pruned. A vertical trellis system supports the cordon and the canopy.

In the early years of Hendry’s winemaking endeavors, George was farming and harvesting a vineyard a short tractor drive away on Mt. Veeder, called the Brandlin Ranch. The old-vine Zinfandel there was of mysterious lineage, and always produced complex, intense spicy fruit. So when the vineyard was sold in 1995, budwood from those vines was grafted onto rootstock in Block 23 and later in the larger Block 28.

In 2013, bud break in Block 28 occurred April 9th. Bloom was May 16th. Harvest was September 12th, with an average yield of approximately 4.28 tons per acre. The alcoholic fermentation was completed in approximately one week in closed fermentation tanks. The wine was pressed and put into barrels for malolactic fermentation. Aging was fifteen months in French oak barrels, 65% of which were new.

Brooding, bittersweet and structured, Block 28 is the burlier counterpart to the softer Block 7&22. Drought conditions in 2012 and 2013 resulted in less available moisture in the soil, and our early tastings confirm that this resulted in exceptionally concentrated, slightly higher tannin wine in the Zinfandels. Initial aromas of dark berries and cocoa powder. Both this wine and the 2013 Blocks 7&22 are thick and dark purple, with concentrated dark berry fruit and significant tannins. This wine will benefit from cellaring, at least 6 months, or thorough decanting. Serve with hearty fare.

Alcohol is 15.4%.
775 cases produced
TA: 6.1
VA: .85