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HENDRY VINEYARD  
NAPA VALLEY

2014 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 2014, bud break in Blocks 23 & 28 occurred March 23rd. Bloom was May 16<sup>th</sup>. Harvest was September 6th, with an average yield of less than 3 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, approximately 65% of which were new.

Ruby-purple color. Spicy, mouthwatering berry and cherry fruit on the nose, with an herbal aspect. Medium-bodied, pleasant, with fine-grained tannins. A spicy, herbal zin, with moderate levels of jammy fruit. The 2014 Block 28 Zinfandel is a brighter, more leathery and spicy incarnation of this vineyard block than the concentrated, intense 2013 wines.

Pairings: herbed and peppered beef tenderloin, flank steak with spinach and blue cheese, *osso buco* or lamb roasted with rosemary, thyme, wine, olive oil and a little tomato paste. Dark-barked dry-rubbed barbecued brisket. Oven-roasted tomatoes, onions and potatoes as a side dish to any richer meat. The moderate fruit, offset by balanced levels of tannins, will make this wine work with a wide range of flavorful foods.

Alcohol is 15.5%.  
554 cases produced  
TA: 6.12  
VA: .80