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HENDRY RANCH
“HRW”
ZINFANDEL
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Grapes for the HRW series wines come from our vineyard estate, as they do for all of our wines. The grapes we use for the HRW are individual blocks or barrels that for one reason or another do not have the complexity we require for our Hendry label, but are very nice every day drinking nonetheless (and too good to sell off to someone else). In some vintages we make one variety, in others, several, and sometimes we make none at all. The production is generally small. This wine is a blend of the barrels that were not included in the Block 7&22 Zinfandel or Block 28 Zinfandel.

The alcoholic fermentation was completed in approximately ten days in closed stainless steel fermentation tanks. When the wine was fermented completely dry, it was pressed to barrel for malolactic fermentation. Aging was twelve months in French oak barrels of which approximately 10% were new, with the remaining barrels 1, 2 and 3 year old barrels from our zinfandel program.

A straightforward, likeable wine, the HRW Zin is all about berries and cherries. Light spice and moderate oak give complexity and structure, with an orange-rind back-palate. A natural partner to anything barbecued or grilled, from chicken to ribs.

1330 cases produced