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HENDRY BLOCKS 7 & 22
NAPA VALLEY
ZINFANDEL
2009

Hendry Blocks 7 and 22 are located on bench lands west of the town of Napa. This nine-acre block is between 230 and 300 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. Block 7 was planted in 1975 to Clone 2 Zinfandel. Block 22 was planted in 1995, also to clone 2. The vines are spaced 8' x 10', cordon trained and spur pruned. A three-wire trellis system supports the cordon and the canopy. Average production is 3 tons per acre. In 2009, Block 7 was harvested on September 28, and Block 22 on September 18.

The alcoholic fermentation was completed in approximately ten days in closed stainless steel fermentation tanks. The wine was then pressed and put into barrels for malolactic fermentation. Aging was fifteen months in 100% French oak barrels, approximately one-third of which were new.

Dark, lush fruit. Ripe cherry and berry and sweet, spicy oak. Medium-weight. Balance between mid and back palate. Block 7&22, with slightly higher acid and lower tannins than Block 28, is the best match for tomato-based dishes, such as goat-cheese lasagna with ham or a simple pasta, and pairs well with just about anything on the barbecue.

Alcohol is 15.2%

TA 0.63

pH 3.74