

# HENDRY



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## **HENDRY NAPA VALLEY RED WINE 2005**

The Hendry Vineyard is located on bench lands west of the town of Napa. The vines grow on thin, stony clay soil between 200 and 300 feet above sea level. Morning fog and strong afternoon breezes from San Pablo Bay moderate the climate.

This wine is a blend of 30% Petit Verdot (Block 15), 26% Malbec (Block 14), 16% Cabernet Sauvignon (Block 8), 14% Cabernet Franc (Block 26) and 14% Merlot (Block 13). The wine was aged for 18 months in French oak barrels, approximately 56% of which were new barrels.

Familiar notes of mint, cedar, leather, cocoa and violets hint at the complexity of this wine. As is often the case, the Red Wine does not reveal all of its charms at once. This wine has sophistication, restraint, and complexity. French oak is detectable, adding structure and elements of toast and spice to the palate, which is still developing volume and fruit depth. Tannins are firm and mature, with no awkward transitions. The 2004 was held in bottle an additional 7 months prior to release, to allow for optimum maturation. This is a wine which will continue to evolve and blossom for many years from its release. The alcohol is 14.7%.

**950 cases produced**