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HENDRY RANCH
“HRW”
ZINFANDEL
2007

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.

The 2007 HRW Zinfandel has an aromatic base of ripe cherry, with smoky, spicy orange elements. On the palate, a foundation of straightforward cherry also has notes of light smoke, bittersweet chocolate, licorice and spice. It is surprisingly bright, and closer in character to the moderate tannins and higher acid of the Clone 2 blocks, 7 & 22, making it a natural partner for a wide variety of foods, from barbecued salmon to BLT's to pulled pork sandwiches. The alcohol is 13.8%.

1330 cases produced