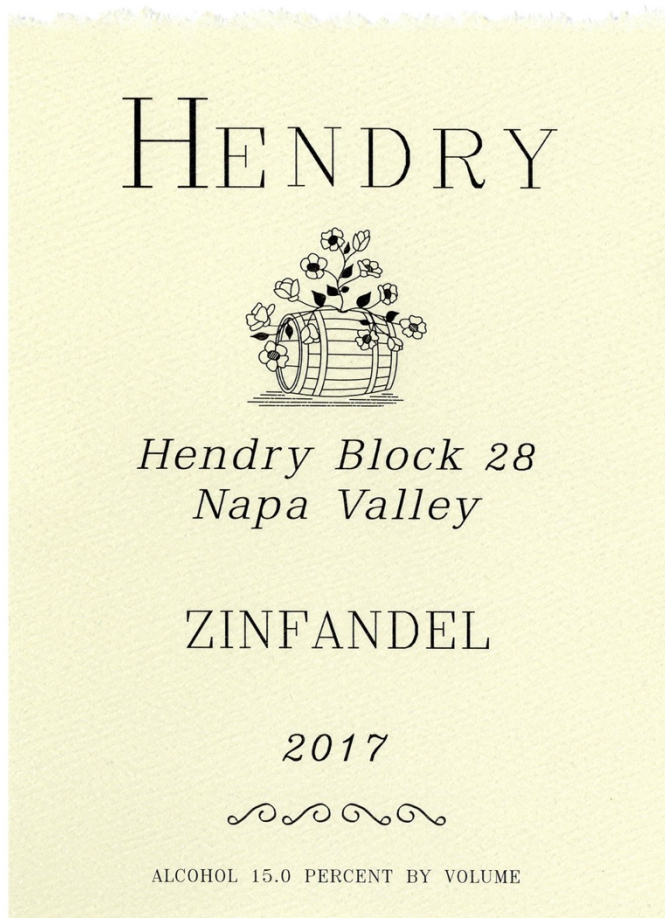


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YEAR'S BEST ZINFANDEL AND MIXED BLACKS



95 The Hendry family planted this 4-acre block in 1998 in the benchlands west of the town of Napa. They used a selection of cuttings from old vines at the Brandlin Ranch on Mount Veeder, a property George Hendry had been farming. The vines from those cuttings are now mature, and they gave a tense, floral 2017 zin with brisk energy in its tannins. Those tannins combine woodland rusticity and mineral refinement, their subtle staying power described by one taster as “springwater minerality” and by another as “broken rock.” The floral, strawberry-scented fruit will clean up alongside spicy cured pork sausages; or stash this away in the cellar—the structure will sustain the wine for five or ten years. (588 cases)

—Joshua Greene, June 2021 Print Edition