

Wine & Spirits

Year's Best Zinfandel

95 | Hendry Ranch

2017 Napa Valley Block 28 Zinfandel 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 “spring-water 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. *Reviewed by Joshua Greene.*

