

HENDRY



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NAPA VALLEY

2009 RED

31% Petit Verdot (Block 15)
28% Cabernet Sauvignon (Block 8)
14% Malbec (Block 14)
14% Merlot (Block 13)
23% Cabernet Franc (Block 26)

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.

The Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot blocks in our vineyard were all planted with the intention of having wines to blend in small amounts with our Cabernet Sauvignon. After a few vintages, George was so happy with the depth and complexity of our Block 8 Cabernet Sauvignon on its own that he started using the “blending” grapes to make their own unique wine.

Each year, we pick our small blocks of Bordeaux varietals and ferment and barrel age them individually, each according to its own recipe. After barrel aging, we determine a unique formula for the blend based on the characteristics and quantities of the vintage. Our aim is to make a wine with good palate density, balanced fruit and tannins, and longevity— and also a wine that tastes very different from our Cabernet Sauvignon. This wine was aged for 18 months in French oak barrels, approximately 70% of which were new.

Aromatically softer than the 2008, opening to deep berry aromas. Typical for this bottling are low-register aromas of cocoa, eucalyptus and mint, and deep berry fruit. With air, a velvety mouthfeel and berry/raspberry flavors emerge. Full mid-to-back palate. Tannins present but fine-grained. A good candidate for decanting.

Alcohol 15.0%.

605 cases produced