

HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

2012 ZINFANDEL BLOCKS 7 & 22

Hendry blocks 7 and 22 are located on benchlands west of the town of Napa. The nine acres are between 230 and 300 feet above sea level and have thin, stony Boomer series soils. The maritime climate is moderated by morning fog and strong afternoon breezes from San Pablo Bay. Block 7 was planted in 1975 to clone 2 Zinfandel. Block 22 was planted in 1995, also to clone 2. The vines are spaced 8' x 10', cordon trained and spur pruned. A three-wire trellis system supports the cordon and the canopy.

In 2012, Block 22 was harvested on September 24 and Block 7 on September 25. Average production is only 3 tons per acre.

The alcoholic fermentation was completed in approximately ten days in closed stainless steel fermentation tanks. The wine was then pressed and put into barrels for malolactic fermentation. Aging for the 7& 22 is fifteen months in French oak barrels, approximately one-third of which are new.

Sweet ripe berries and cherries flirting with spice and oak in the initial aromas. Blueberry, tangy sour cherry and bittersweet chocolate on the palate. Moderate tannins and a nice, tangy acidic lift make this balanced wine our go-to with tomato-based sauces, or hearty roasts and braises that include a bit of tomato paste. Argentinian or Texas-style dry-rub barbecue would also be great choices!

14.9% alcohol1520 cases producedhalf bottles and magnums available