

HENDRY 
CELEBRATING 75 YEARS of WINEGROWING
1939 - 2014

HENDRY VINEYARD
NAPA VALLEY

MALBEC
2012

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. Block 14 was planted in 1995. Each year, we pick our small blocks of these Bordeaux varietals and ferment and barrel age them individually, each according to its own recipe. Occasionally, we release them as very small quantity, single-varietal bottlings.

In 2012, budbreak in Block 14 was April 3rd. Veraison was August 2nd, and harvest was September 20th.

This wine was aged 15 months in French oak barrels, approximately 40% of which were new.

A wine with broad appeal. Inky, dark purple-blackberry color. Rich, deep plummy fruit and smoked meat aromatics, along with sweet cedar and coffee. More deep fruit, with bittersweet chocolate, on the palate. Medium-to-full-bodied. In the summer, this wine would be a natural with falling-off-the-bone ribs or cowboy rib-eyes. In the winter, a roast and herbed, crispy-roasted potatoes would be a handy pairing.

Alcohol 13.8%.

Only 49 cases produced