

HENDRY 
CELEBRATING 75 YEARS of WINEGROWING
1939 - 2014

HENDRY VINEYARD
NAPA VALLEY

MERLOT
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. Hendry Merlot is planted in blocks 13A, planted to clone 3, and 13B, planted to clone 14. Block 13B is our oldest Merlot block, planted in 1995.

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 our RED blend based on the characteristics and quantities of the vintage.

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

Inky, dense, black cherry color. Cocoa, spice and black cherry on the nose. Deep, broad berry fruit with accents of smoke, cocoa, and a dark chocolate “edge”. Plenty of structure for Merlot, balanced and full.

Alcohol 14.9%.

Only 99 cases produced