

HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

2013 MALBEC

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.

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.

Block 14 was planted in 1995. In 2013, budbreak in Block 14 was March 28th, bloom was May 11th, and harvest was on September 9th, with a yield of 5.17 tons per acre. After cold-soaking and primary fermentation, the wine underwent malolactic fermentation and was aged 15 months in French oak barrels, approximately 40% of which were new.

Dense, inky, opaque purple-ruby. Bay leaves, berry, black tea mushroom, spice and earth on the nose. Silky front palate, medium body. Uncomplicated, pleasant flavors of berry, molasses, tea and spice. Medium-to-firm tannins. Ideal with rib-eyes or New York steaks and lean grilled lamb.

Alcohol 14.4%. 99 cases produced

TA: 5.6 VA: .87

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