

# HENDRY



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## HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

### 2014 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 the Bordeaux varietals and ferment and barrel age them individually. Occasionally, we release them as very small quantity, single-varietal bottlings.

The 3.05 acres of Block 14 were planted in 1995. In 2014, budbreak in Block 14 was March 16<sup>th</sup>, bloom was May 12<sup>th</sup>, and harvest was on September 4<sup>th</sup>, with a yield of 4.5 tons per acre. After cold-soaking and primary fermentation, the wine underwent malolactic fermentation in barrel and was aged 15 months in French oak barrels, approximately 40% of which were new.

As is typical of this variety, the color is dense and inky, glass-coating dark purple with ruby just at its edge. Smoky, leathery and earthy initial aromas, with the spicy berry fruit just emerging. On the palate, chewy, medium body, grapey/grape soda/berry, tea and spice flavors and young but easy tannins. Decanting allows more of the soft floral and berry aromas to emerge. Easy-drinking and pleasant.

Alcohol 14.5%.

349 cases produced

TA: 6.07

VA: .48