

HENDRY 
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HENDRY VINEYARD
NAPA VALLEY

2015 ZINFANDEL BLOCK 7
Friends of Hendry Single Block Selection

The 2017 harvest marked twenty-five years of winemaking at Hendry Ranch. One of the two wines George made in his very first offering of a few hundred cases, back in 1992, was from Block 7. Planted in 1975, when Margaret Hendry was still piloting her sturdy old tractor around the ranch, it had proven to be a favorite among his winemaker customers. Along with Block 8 Cabernet, Block 7 Zinfandel helped form the foundation of his reputation as a grower of complex, low-yield, high-quality fruit.

Those same vines still crown the hill above the winery today, from the old chapel oak to the big green water tanks you can see from the winery porch. Early in the spring, the rows are filled with bright yellow mustard and marigolds, and are just being pruned back, signaling the start of the 43rd vintage for this venerable block. Especially for the Friends of Hendry, we've held aside a few barrels of Block 7, and made a special single-block bottling.

In 2015, budbreak was March 25th, bloom occurred May 22nd and median veraison July 28th. Block 7 was harvested on September 10th. Production was only 2.18 tons per acre in this low-yielding block. The wine spent fifteen months in French oak barrels, thirty-five percent of which were new.

Ruby color. Initial aromas are herbal, spicy, mossy. Sweet cherry-candy-like fruit, rosemary and spicy oak emerge with air. Medium-bodied, with easy, approachable tannins. Cocoa, bright red and black berries, blackberry tea and dusty spice round out the balanced palate. The elegance of this wine, with its balance of fruit, acid, tannin and spice, have made Block 7 a favorite for decades. We've always recommended dishes high on flavor but moderate in fat with the Block 7, an incredibly versatile food pairing wine. Barbecued meats are a given, but consider also seared duck breast, roasted meats with rosemary and other herbs to play off the wine's herbal component, risotto with herbs and mushrooms, or a simple grilled filet with scalloped potatoes. Some of us have been so bold as to pair it with a whole, wood-grilled salmon, and enjoyed it very much!

Retail Price \$36.00
15.4% alcohol
220 cases produced
TA: 61
VA: .75