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HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY 2015 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

The Hendry Cabernet Sauvignon blocks are located on benchlands west of the town of Napa. The vines grow on thin, stony soil between 150 and 300 feet above sea level. Morning fog and strong afternoon breezes from San Pablo Bay moderate our vineyard's climate. The vines are spaced 8' x 10' and cordon trained. The clone is U.C.D. 7, grafted to St. George roots. A seven-foot vertical trellis system supports the cordon and the canopy. Average production is approximately 2 tons per acre.

Blocks 16, 17, and 18 were planted in 1996 and 1997 and are on St. George rootstock. They are grafted to U.C.D. clones 7, 4 and 337/15, respectively. Block 9F was replanted in 2003 with clone 337. Block 8B was planted to U.C.D. clone 7 in 2006, and has been an emerging standout as it passed its first decade.

In 2015, the median budbreak in these blocks was March 24-26th; median bloom was May 19-21st. Veraison occurred July 28-31st, and harvest took place September 12th-22nd. Yields averaged 2.03 tons per acre, and the average bloom-to-harvest period was 121 days. Our naturally low-yielding Cabernet blocks, with their dry, alluvial soil, give us concentrated, complex fruit to work with.

After a warm extended maceration, the wine was aged 21 months in 90% new French oak barrels. 100% Cabernet Sauvignon.

Deep ruby color almost all the way to the rim. Initial aromas of cocoa, butterscotch, dark berry and evergreen. In pre-release tasting, tannins still had a firm grip on this wine, but with air, aromas soften and deepen, and more fruit and spice emerges—in contrast to the more immediately accessible 2014 wines. Decanting highly recommended. Mouthfeel is full, tannins fine-textured, but firm, giving the wine a softly chalky texture that will marry happily with steaks seasoned with rosemary and porcini, rack of lamb, or a savory, rib-sticking, polenta and short ribs.

Alcohol 14.3%
TA: 5.37
pH: 3.74
VA: .55
910 cases produced