

HENDRY



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HENDRY VINEYARD
NAPA VALLEY

2015 MERLOT

The Hendry Vineyard is located on benchlands 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.

Hendry Merlot is planted in blocks 13A (Clone 3), and 13B, (Clone 14). Block 13B is our oldest Merlot block, planted in 1995. In 2015, budbreak for the Merlot occurred on March 13th, bloom on May 7th, and harvest was on August 26th, with a yield of 2.16 tons/acre in Block 13A and 3.04 tons/acre in Block 13B, for an average yield of 2.6 tons/acre.

Each year, we pick the Bordeaux varietals and ferment and barrel age them individually, each according to its own recipe. After approximately one year of barrel aging, George Hendry decides on the blend for our RED blend based on the characteristics and quantities of the vintage. In some years, we choose to bottle small quantities of the individual components separately as well. This wine was aged 15 months in French oak barrels, approximately 40% of which were new.

Deep, saturated, ruby color. Soft, dark fruit aromas, with herbal elements of tea and cedar. On the palate, medium-body, moderate tannins, plummy, round fruit flavors, cola and bittersweet chocolate. Decanting or setting aside in the cellar recommended, as these flavors are still knitting together and revealing themselves in the youngest of the three selections. A little air makes the wine more supple and integrated. Pair with grilled meats, burgers, herbed pork loin, or a pot roast with herbed, roasted potatoes.

Alcohol 14.6%

125 Cases produced

TA: 6.5

VA: .69