

HENDRY

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CELEBRATING EIGHT DECADES OF FAMILY WINEGROWING

HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

2018 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 each of 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 such as this one.

The 3.05 acres of Block 14 were planted in 1995. In 2018, budbreak in Block 14 was March 31st, bloom was May 25th, and harvest was on September 13th. Bloom-to-harvest was 111 days, and the yield was 3.9 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.

Saturated purple color with violet at the rim. Fragrant fruit and spice intertwine in the initial aromatic profile. With air, the floral, dark fruit and spicy, smoky aromas of oak continue to serve as aromatic counterpoints. Moderately dense and structured, with a punch of brightening acid along with the sweet berry fruit on the palate. Decanting recommended for early drinking. Pair with grilled or braised beef, grilled lamb chops, pot roasts, cheeseburgers on the grill, or a selection of salumi.

Alcohol 13.9%.
274 cases produced
TA: .49
VA: .5.79