

HENDRY



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HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

2018 MISSION

The Hendry vineyard lies on gentle, rocky slopes between 150 and 300 feet in elevation. The style and structure of our wines is moderated by our rocky soils, and cool breezes and fog from San Pablo Bay. Block 9D was originally planted to Cabernet Franc on St. George roots in 2003, and 80 of those vines were grafted over to the historic Mission variety in 2012. 50 more vines were added in 2015, allowing us to make a single barrel of this wine each year.

The Mission variety was introduced to the new world in the first half of the 16th century, and remained the principal wine grape of the Americas for more than 300 years. The vines were transported from Mexico in the 1770s and planted in mission vineyards, spreading with the establishment of each new mission settlement. They produced Napa's first wines in the 1840s.

Mission was first planted on what is now the Hendry Ranch in the 1850s, but disappeared during the phylloxera epidemic which swept the Napa Valley in the late 1800s. Once the dominant California variety, Mission now represents less than 1,000 acres of total plantings in the entire state. In 2007, DNA analysis demonstrated that the grape known in California as Mission was the same grape as Listán Prieto, an ancient Spanish variety now grown in very few places in on the planet, one of them the Canary Islands.

The wine was aged for 11 months in neutral French oak. A light-bodied, low-tannin variety that most closely resembles Gamay or Pinot Noir, with some of the berry fruit character of a lighter Zinfandel. It's easy to imagine this pleasant and easygoing wine being a part of everyday life and meals in early California.

Alcohol 13.7%

300 bottles produced