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HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

2019 ZINFANDEL BLOCK 28

Hendry Block 28 is located on bench lands west of the town of Napa. This 4.17-acre block is 160 feet above sea level and has thin, stony soils. Morning fog and strong afternoon breezes from San Pablo Bay moderate the maritime climate. The vines were planted in 1998 using St. George roots and grafted with budwood selected from an old-vine Zinfandel vineyard on Mt. Veeder called the Brandlin Ranch. The vines are spaced 6.9' x 5', cordon-trained and spur-pruned. A vertical trellis system supports the cordon and the canopy.

The source for the plant material in Block 28 was Mt. Veeder's Brandlin Ranch. The old-vine Zinfandel there was of mysterious lineage, and produced complex, intense, spicy fruit that was interesting to George, so he had made an arrangement with the owner to tend the vines in exchange for the fruit. When the vineyard was sold, George was able to obtain budwood from the gnarled old vines, which he then grafted onto rootstock in Block 28.

In 2019, bud break in Block 28 occurred April 2nd. Bloom was June 1st. Veraison took place on August 7th, and harvest was September 25th, with a yield of 4.37 tons per acre. Bloom-to-harvest period was 118 days. The alcoholic fermentation was completed in approximately one week in closed fermentation tanks. The wine was then pressed and put into barrels for malolactic fermentation. Aging was fifteen months in French oak barrels, approximately 65% of which were new.

Ruby color. Aromatics include maple candy, brown sugar, dark fruit and spice, with more herbal elements after air exposure. Palate echoes the round fruit and spice. Medium-bodied, with a firm tannic finish on the mostly rounded palate. The more structured of our two Zinfandel offerings this medium-weight Zinfandel has enough structure for grilled meats, such as flank or skirt steak, pastas with meaty sauces, and salumi.

Alcohol is 15.2%.
640 cases produced
TA: 5.5
VA: .76