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HENDRY VINEYARD
NAPA VALLEY

2019 PRIMITIVO

Hendry Block 24 is located on bench lands west of the town of Napa. This 1.96-acre block is approximately 200 feet above sea level and has thin, stony Boomer series soils (material weathered from metavolcanic rock). The maritime climate is moderated by morning fog and strong afternoon breezes from San Pablo Bay. The vines in Block 24 were planted in 1997, using St. George roots, and grafted with U.C. Davis Primitivo Clone 3. The vines are spaced 6.9' x 5', cordon-trained and spur-pruned. The vines in Block 10 were planted with the same clone in 2003. A vertical trellis system supports the cordon and the canopy.

Primitivo's roots go back hundreds of years to Croatia, where it originated along with its more familiar genetic twin: Zinfandel. Zinfandel and Primitivo share common parentage, and are essentially synonymous, though Primitivo is associated with Puglia, Italy, where it is commonly grown, and Zinfandel with California.

In 2019, budbreak in Blocks 10 and 24 occurred April 4-7th, and bloom was May 30-31st. Veraison occurred August 3rd. Harvest was on September 19th with an average bloom-to-harvest of 111.5 days.

Alcoholic fermentation was completed in approximately ten days in closed, stainless steel fermentation tanks. After completing alcoholic fermentation, the wine was pressed and put into barrels for malolactic fermentation. Aging was fifteen months in French oak barrels, approximately one-third of which were new.

Medium ruby color. Super ripe, fragrant blackberry, black pepper, shavings and an herbal note in the aromatic profile. Medium-full body. Yummy, round fruit with pleasant, subtle structure, and just a touch of brightening acid in the finish. Easy drinking as always. Light enough to pair with heartier vegetarian dishes. The lift of acidity in the wine means that it pairs well with spaghetti bolognese, or any pizza or pasta, and medium-intensity dishes without excessive richness.

Alcohol: 15.0

Cases produced: 591

TA: 6.2

VA: .78