

HENDRY



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CELEBRATING EIGHT DECADES OF FAMILY WINEGROWING

HENDRY VINEYARD
NAPA VALLEY
2019 RED

56% Cabernet Sauvignon
11% Petit Verdot
11% Cabernet Franc
11% Malbec
11% Merlot

VINEYARD The Hendry Vineyard is located on benchlands west of the town of Napa. The vines grow on thin, stony and clay soils, between 200 and 300 feet above sea level. Morning fog and strong afternoon breezes from San Pablo Bay moderate our climate. Our vineyard is the sole source for grapes for all of our wines. It has been home to the Hendry family since 1939.

VINTAGE In 2019, budbreak in these blocks was April 2nd through the 9th. Bloom was between May 28th and June 1st. Veraison occurred July 30th through August 13th, and harvest was September 10th-17th for the early varieties (Merlot and Malbec) and September 30th through October 17th for the later types (Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Sauvignon). Average bloom-to-harvest was 124 days, ranging from 105 days for Block 13 Merlot to 138 days for the Cabernet Sauvignon. Yield was an average of 2.8 tons per acre in the Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc, and 4.9 tons per acre in the Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot.

WINEMAKING Each year, we pick each of our small blocks of Bordeaux varieties, ferment them individually and then barrel age them for approximately one year. After the first year of barrel aging, George Hendry creates the final blend. His aim is to make a wine with a concentration, complexity and potential for aging, but with more subtle tannic structure than a 100% Cabernet Sauvignon wine. These wines were aged for a total of 18 months in French oak barrels, 70-75% of which were new. A big, velvety wine with polished tannins.

NOTES George manages once again to pull off a wine that is both big and soft-edged. Opaque purple-ruby. Mouthwatering aromas of pretty cassis, deep berry, cedary spice, dill, brown sugar and toasted bread. On the palate, a surprisingly fruity, easy front palate transitions smoothly to dark, dried fig and blueberry fruit on the mid-palate. Well-balanced, with just enough lively acidity to offset firm, fine-grained tannins. Long, pleasant finish with Negroni-like elements of dried citrus peel, bittersweet and spice.

Alcohol: 15.4%.

Cases produced: 450

TA: 3.81

VA: .77

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