

HENDRY



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CELEBRATING EIGHT DECADES OF FAMILY WINEGROWING

2020 CABERNET FRANC BLOCKS 9D & 26 NAPA VALLEY

VINEYARD The Hendry Vineyard is located on benchlands just west of the town of Napa. Our vines grow on thin, stony soils between 200 and 300 feet above sea level. The vineyard is at the intersection of the cooler Carneros appellation and the greater Napa Valley, which becomes warmer as you travel northward. Morning fog and afternoon breezes from the San Pablo Bay moderate the climate, giving us long, warm summer days and cooler nights.

Block 26 and 9D are our only Cabernet Franc blocks. They are CTPS clone 332 and FPMS clone 4, grafted to St. George roots. Block 26 is the older of the two, planted in 1998. Block 9D was planted in 2003.

VINTAGE In 2020, budbreak in the two blocks was April 2nd through the 4th. Bloom occurred on May 28th, veraison on August 10th, and harvest on October 4th and 16th.

The Cabernet Franc, Merlot, Malbec and Petit Verdot blocks in our vineyard were all planted with the intention of having wines to blend with our Cabernet Sauvignon. After a few vintages, George was so please with the depth and complexity of our Block 8 Cabernet Sauvignon on its own that he began using these Bordeaux “blending” grapes to make their own unique wine, our RED blend. Occasionally, we bottle very small quantities of the individual varieties and release them on a limited basis. This wine is such a release.

WINEMAKING Aged for 15 months in French oak barrels, approximately 40% of which were new.

NOTES Deep ruby color. Initial aromas of cocoa, leather, herbs and subdued berry fruit. Mocha, cocoa, and smooth, dried blueberry fruit on the palate, finishing with tobacco and black tea tannins. Firm textures. Will benefit from decanting when young, as it continues to evolve and unfold in the glass. Pair with strong cheeses, steak--*au poivre* or otherwise, grilled meats of all kinds, filet mignon with a *demi-glace* or a beef and mushroom pie.

Alcohol 14.6%

Cases Produced: 250

TA: 5.2

VA:.63