

# HENDRY



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## 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.

**BLOCKS** Block 26 and 9D are our only Cabernet Franc blocks until Block 14, planted in 2024, matures. Block 26 is the older of the two, planted in 1998. Block 9D was planted in 2003. They are CTPS clone 332 and FPMS clone 4, grafted to St. George roots.

**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.

**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 sauce, or a beef and mushroom pie.

Alcohol 14.6%

Cases Produced: 250

TA: 5.2

VA:.63