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HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

2020 HRW PINOT NOIR

Grapes for the HRW wines—as for all of our wines—are grown right here on our family ranch, just west of the town of Napa. Our Pinot Noir Blocks are: 3, 4, 5, 6, 25 and 30. These blocks are all located in the lower elevations of the property, in cooler spots on the sunny side of Redwood Creek. The climate is moderated by morning fog and the afternoon maritime breeze.

The roots in these blocks include *Riparia gloire*, in the clay soils, as well as 101-14 and 3309. The roots are grafted to a variety of clones: Dijon 115, FPS 108, 96 and 97, 828 and the Joseph Swan selection. All of the vines are spaced 7' x 5' and are bilateral cordon-trained and spur-pruned.

In 2020, budbreak in the Pinot Noir Blocks occurred March 12th-18th. Bloom was complete by May 19th. The grapes were harvested from August 21st to the 25th with an average bloom-to-harvest period of 97.5 days. The average yield in all of our Pinot Noir blocks in 2020 was just over 1.46 tons per acre. Low yields such as these are vital to maintaining fruit concentration in our Pinot Noir wines.

Alcoholic fermentation for the HRW wine was completed in approximately one week, using indigenous yeasts. The natural yeast present on the grapes is a robust strain that produces complex aromas and flavors. At dryness, the wine was pressed and put into 2-and-3-year-old barrels for malolactic fermentation, then barrel-aged for 11 months before bottling with a screw-cap closure.

Medium ruby-garnet. Initial aromas of spice, cherry and tea leaf. Smooth, evenly-distributed palate, with a nice balance between the raspberry/cherry fruit, tannin and acid. Black tea in the finish. Light-bodied. A solid, savory, everyday Pinot Noir that easily handles pairings with Manchego or sheep's milk cheeses, mushroom pizza or bruschetta, grilled chicken, salmon, or lighter, leaner meats. Richer flavors highlight the bright, tangy fruit characteristics of this wine.

Alcohol 14.1%

Cases produced: 424

TA: 5.8

VA: .83