

## CELEBRATING EIGHT DECADES OF FAMILY WINEGROWING

## HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY 2020 HRW ZINFANDEL (cork finish)

VINEYARD Grapes for the HRW series wines come from our Napa vineyard, as they do for all of our wines. The grapes we use for HRW are individual blocks from our vineyard or barrel lots that are very nice for everyday drinking, but do not have the complexity we require for our Hendry label. These wines were our "around the ranch" wines before the launch of HRW, which stands for Hendry Ranch Winery.

VINTAGE In 2020, budbreak occurred April 11<sup>th</sup> and bloom on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mean veraison was August 6<sup>th</sup>, and harvest was September 11<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>, with an average bloom-to-harvest of 113 days. Average yield was 2.36 tons per acre. (This is a normal yield for Hendry vines, but a very low yield for Zinfandel as compared to other areas in the state.)

WINEMAKING The 2020 HRW Zinfandel, cork finish, is composed entirely of "declassified," Zinfandel from our Blocks 7 and 22. Primary fermentation was completed in approximately ten days in closed stainless steel fermentation tanks. When the wines reached complete dryness, (<.5 g/L residual sugar), they were pressed to French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation. Total aging was approximately fifteen months in French oak barrels, of which approximately 35% were new.

NOTES Medium ruby. Spice, blackcurrant/berry, floral and bramble on the nose. Medium body, moderate tannins. On the palate, berry fruit, bittersweet chocolate and spice. Firm tannins. Mushroom risotto, thin-sliced, seared rare beef, ribs on the grill, burgers, and meaty, Italian-inspired pastas would work well with the flavors of this classic Zinfandel.

15.1 % alcohol 1551 cases produced TA: 5.4 VA: .61