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CELEBRATING EIGHT DECADES OF FAMILY WINEGROWING

HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

2020 MALBEC

VINEYARD The Hendry Vineyard is located on bench lands west of the town of Napa. The vines grow on thin, stony clay soil between 200 and 300 feet above sea level. Morning fog and strong afternoon breezes from San Pablo Bay moderate the climate.

Each year, we pick each of our small blocks of the five Bordeaux varieties and ferment and barrel age them individually. Occasionally, we release them as very small quantity, single-varietal bottlings such as this one.

VINTAGE The 3.05 acres of Block 14 were planted in 1995. In 2020, budbreak in Block 14 was March 22nd, bloom occurred on May 17th, veraison on August 1st, and harvest was on September 3rd. Bloom-to-harvest was 109 days.

WINEMAKING After cold-soaking and primary fermentation in stainless steel, the Malbec underwent malolactic fermentation in barrel and was aged 15 months in French oak barrels, approximately 40% of which are new each year.

NOTES Inky, deep purple. Opaque. Fragrant dark fruit, leather, spice and pine in the initial aromatics. Smooth entry, palate-coating but not overly heavy. Medium-bodied. Blueberries and cocoa on the palate. Fine-grained, moderate tannins. Bittersweet, baking-chocolate finish. Try with meaty flavors accented with herbs, like grilled lamb chops, steak with chimichurri or black bean chili.

Alcohol: 14.5%.

Cases Produced: 350

TA: 5.0

VA: .74