

HENDRY



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CELEBRATING EIGHT DECADES OF FAMILY WINEGROWING

HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

2020 MERLOT

VINEYARD The Hendry Vineyard is located on benchlands 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.

VINTAGE Hendry Merlot is planted in blocks 13A (Clone 3), and 13B, (Clone 14). Both blocks are directly behind the winery, in dry, rocky soils. Block 13B is our oldest Merlot block, planted in 1995. In 2020, budbreak for the Merlot occurred on March 25th, bloom on May 19th, median veraison on July 28th, and harvest was on September 2nd. Bloom to harvest was 106 days. The two blocks yielded 2.5 tons per acre.

WINEMAKING Each year, we pick and ferment the five Bordeaux varieties (Merlot, Malbec, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Sauvignon) in small lots, aging them individually, each according to its own recipe of new and neutral barrels. After approximately one year of barrel aging, George Hendry selects the blend for our RED. In some years, we also choose to bottle small quantities of the individual components separately. The 2020 Merlot was aged a total of 15 months in French oak barrels, approximately 40% of which were new.

NOTES Deep, concentrated ruby. On the nose, initially dark, low-range aromas are followed by brighter cola, raisin and vanilla. Smooth entry, medium-body, broad on the palate. Balanced, flavorful, complex. The moderate tannins begin to build up by the second sip. A moderately structured wine that will be a versatile pairing partner with lamb, burgers, meatloaf, grilled flank or skirt steak, or a filet mignon. Red wine lovers may also find it lovely to drink all by itself or with hard cheeses.

Alcohol 14.6%

200 Cases produced

TA: 6.7

VA: .97