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HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

2020 ZINFANDEL BLOCK 28

VINEYARD Hendry Block 28 is located on bench lands west of the town of Napa. This 4.17-acre block is 160 feet above sea level and has thin, stony soils. Morning fog and strong afternoon breezes from San Pablo Bay moderate the maritime climate. The vines were planted in 1998 using St. George roots and grafted with budwood selected from an old-vine Zinfandel vineyard on Mt. Veeder called the Brandlin Vineyard. The vines are spaced 6.9' x 5', cordon-trained and spur-pruned. A vertical trellis system supports the cordon and the canopy.

Mt. Veeder's Brandlin Ranch is an old-vine Zinfandel of mysterious lineage, which produced complex, intense fruit that was very interesting to George. In the early days of winemaking at Hendry, he made an arrangement with the vineyard's owner to tend the vines in exchange for the fruit. When the vineyard was sold, George was able to obtain budwood from the gnarled old vines, which he then grafted onto rootstock in Block 28.

VINTAGE In 2020, bud break in Block 28 occurred April 7th. Bloom was May 22nd. Veraison was complete in the majority of the vines approximately July 28th, and harvest was September 15th, with a yield of 2.82 tons per acre. Bloom-to-harvest period was 116 days.

WINEMAKING The alcoholic fermentation was completed in approximately one week in closed fermentation tanks. The wine was then pressed and put into barrels for malolactic fermentation. Aging was fifteen months in French oak barrels, approximately 65% - 75% of which are new each year.

NOTES Ruby color. Aromatics include dark berries, rose petal, savory seaweed, pencil shavings, and brown sugar. Pleasant, warm, medium-bodied, with a firm tannic finish. The more structured of our two Zinfandel offerings, this medium-weight Zinfandel has enough structure for just about all grilled meats, whether it's burgers with blue cheese, flank or skirt steak. Would also pair well with beef stew with mushrooms.

Alcohol is 15.7%.
390 cases produced
TA: 5.4
VA: .59