

# HENDRY



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## HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

### 2021 ZINFANDEL BLOCKS 7&22

VINEYARD Block 7 has been the foundation for our Zinfandel since the first vintage of the Hendry label back in 1992. The vines in Block 7 were planted in 1975. Originally, it was sold to other vintners, helping to forge George Hendry's reputation as a grapegrower.

Both Block 7 and Block 22 are located on benchlands west of the town of Napa. The nine acres are between 230 and 300 feet above sea level and have thin, stony soils. The maritime climate is moderated by morning fog and strong afternoon breezes from San Pablo Bay. Block 7 was planted in 1975 to clone 2 Zinfandel. Block 22 was planted in 1995, also to clone 2. The vines are spaced 8' x 10', cordon-trained and spur-pruned.

VINTAGE In 2021, budbreak was April 7<sup>th</sup> in both blocks. Bloom occurred May 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 25<sup>th</sup>. Block 7 was picked on September 15<sup>th</sup>, followed by Block 22 on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Average bloom-to-harvest in the two blocks was 118 days. Average yield was 2.64 tons per acre.

WINEMAKING The alcoholic fermentation for each was completed in approximately ten days in closed stainless steel fermentation tanks. The wine was then pressed, the blocks blended, and put into barrels for malolactic fermentation. Aging for the 7&22 is fifteen months in French oak barrels, approximately one-third of which are new each vintage.

NOTES Ruby to ruby-garnet in color. High, sweet aromas of cooked berries, spice and grilled tomato, evolving to floral with more air. Spicy and lively on the palate and medium-bodied, with both fruity and savory elements. Pleasantly fine textured tannins. This wine, as always, is fascinating in its versatility. Different foods will enhance the savory aspects, bringing out soy and lime flavors, while others highlight the fresh, sweet berry fruit in the mid-palate. Pair with seasoned lamb chops on the grill, lean steaks, aged sheep or goat's milk cheeses, pasta with a braised meat ragu. Balanced and versatile.

Alcohol: 15.1%

Cases produced: 1,551

TA: 6.1

VA: .74