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HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

2021 CABERNET SAUVIGNON RESERVE

VINEYARD Our vineyard sits at the base of Mt. Veeder, (below the boundaries of the appellation itself) and is composed of low, rolling alluvial hills. A channel between these hills and the nearby mountain forest provides a channel of cooler airflow from the Bay. Our Cabernet Sauvignon vines grow on thin, stony soil on benchlands above the winery, between 150 and 300 feet above sea level.

BLOCK The fruit for this wine was harvested from some of the first Cabernet vines George planted in 1974, in Block 8. They are FPS Clone 7 grafted onto St. George rootstock. Naturally low-yielding, and planted in dry, alluvial soil, these vines give us concentrated and complex fruit. Fruit from these blocks contributed to the fame of Opus One wines for many years.

VINTAGE In 2021, budbreak in the “Old 8” blocks was April 7th. Bloom was May 22nd. Harvest in the old Cabernet blocks took place the week of September 24th through the 29th. The average bloom-to-harvest period was 128 days. Average yield in Block 8 was 1.70 tons per acre.

WINEMAKING Once the grapes were crushed, cold-soaked and fermented, each Block 8 lot was paired with a different cooperage and barrel age, to create unique combinations. As each small lot matured in barrel over the next two years, George began to set aside the most interesting combinations before each racking. The resulting Reserve, a total of 18 barrels, is a wine made from grapes from just Block 8D and 8F. It was aged in 100% new Taransaud French oak barriques for a total of 24 months. 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. Unfined.

NOTES Deep ruby with obvious weight and opacity in the glass. Seductive nose with deep berry, cinnamon stick, eucalyptus. Heavy, silky mouthfeel. Fine-textured tannins are impressively restrained, building after several sips. Intended to partner with rich foods at the table, our Reserves retain body and tannin when paired with roasted meats and melted cheeses, pushing their darker, blueberry fruit to the forefront. This wine will certainly reveal more of its charms with time, but there is an elegance and flow to the wine on the palate that is already intriguing. We encourage you to decant, to cellar and to savor with full-flavored, rich foods, especially with mushroom or truffle. Drink now through 2045.

Alcohol 14.9%

Cases: 322

TA: 6.5

VA: .70