

HRW HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY 2021 HRW CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Grapes for the HRW series wines, like all Hendry wines, come from our Napa vineyard, which has been farmed by the Hendry family since 1939. This wine is a blend of press wine and free-run wine, and includes wine from all our Cabernet blocks. The production is small—often just a few hundred cases.

These wines were our "around the ranch" wines before the launch of HRW, which stands for Hendry Ranch Winery. They are great everyday wines which have been selected for their drinkability and varietal character.

Vines on the Hendry Ranch grow on thin stony alluvial soil between 200 and 300 feet above sea level. Morning fog and strong afternoon breezes from San Pablo Bay (the northern end of the San Francisco Bay) moderate our climate. Our Cabernet vines in Blocks 8, 9F, 16, 17 and 18 are spaced 7' x 5', cordon-trained and spur-pruned. The clones are U.C. Davis 4, 7 and 15, and Entav 337. All are grafted to St. George roots. A seven-foot vertical trellis system supports the cordon and the canopy. Average bloom-to-harvest for our Cabernet blocks was 124 days in 2021. Average production throughout the Cabernet blocks is relatively low: between 1.5 and 2.5 tons per acre. In 2021, average yield was 1.88 tons per acre. Low yielding vines produce concentrated, flavorful fruit.

100% Cabernet Sauvignon. After fermentation and extended skin contact, the HRW Cabernet Sauvignon is aged for 18 months in French Oak barrels, approximately 10% of which are new. The remaining barrels are one and two-year-old barrels used in our Hendry Cabernet program. The wine is sealed with a screw-cap closure for slow bottle evolution and preservation of fruit aspects.

This is always a nice glass of wine! Medium-deep purple color, with the slight violet hue of a young wine. Lighter in body than our Hendry label Cabernet. Aromatics include brown sugar, berry/currant and floral notes. Medium-bodied. Full and firm palate offers tangy blackcurrant and dark berries, finishing with green tea. Fine-grained tannins build up gradually, with enough structure to pair with burgers, steaks, or aged cheeses. A delicious, easy Cabernet Sauvignon for everyday drinking.

Alcohol: 14.0% Cases produced: 665