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HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY 2021 HRW ZINFANDEL

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 freerun wine, and includes wine from all of our Zinfandel blocks. The grapes we use for HRW are individual blocks from our vineyard or barrel lots that are very nice for everyday drinking, but do not have the complexity we require for our Hendry label. The production is small—often just a few hundred cases.

This wine was made from grapes grown in Blocks 7, 12, 22, 28 and 29. Primary fermentation was completed in approximately ten days in closed stainless steel fermentation tanks. When the wines reached complete dryness, (<.5 g/L residual sugar), they were pressed to French oak barrels for malolactic fermentation. Total aging was approximately twelve months in French oak barrels, of which 10% were new.

In 2021, Zinfandel budbreak was April 7th, bloom was May 25th, and grapes in the Zinfandel blocks were harvested between September 15th and October 1st. Bloom-to-harvest averaged 121 days across all Zinfandel blocks. Average yield in the Zinfandel Blocks was 2.27 tons per acre. These low-yielding vines, ranging in age from 24 to 48 years, produce concentrated, flavorful fruit.

Fruit driven, with blueberry and blackberry jam leading the aromatic profile. Secondary aromas include coffee, seaweed and cedary spice. Full and fruity, easy drinking, moderately structured. Tannins present but softened, even without food. A good all-around wine for pastas, burgers, barbecue, a meaty Bolognese, or just a cheese plate. Good everyday value for those who prefer fruity, dry Zinfandels.

Alcohol: 15.3 % Cases: 318