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HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

2022 MALBEC

VINEYARD The Hendry Vineyard is located on bench lands west of the town of Napa. The vines grow on thin, stony clay soil between 200 and 300 feet above sea level. Morning fog and strong afternoon breezes from San Pablo Bay moderate the climate.

Each year, we pick each of our small blocks of the five Bordeaux varieties and ferment and barrel age them individually. Occasionally, we release them as very small quantity, single-varietal bottlings such as this one.

BLOCK The 3.05 acres of Block 14 were planted in 1995 with FPS Clone 8.

VINTAGE In 2022, budbreak in Block 14 was March 19th, bloom occurred on May 13th, and harvest was on September 6th. Bloom-to-harvest was 116 days.

WINEMAKING After cold-soaking and primary fermentation in stainless steel, the Malbec underwent malolactic fermentation in barrel and was aged 15 months in French oak barrels, approximately 40% of which are new each year.

NOTES

Saturated, opaque, deep purple. Spice, cedar, mint and cinnamon in the initial notes as it warms from cellar temp. Cocoa, black cherry liqueur and blueberry on the palate, transitioning to firm tannins and pretty, fragrant oak and violet-floral notes on the finish. With food, this wine becomes chocolatey, bittersweet and smooth, with a long finish.

The color on this wine is so strikingly purple! Sure to be a crowd-pleaser. There's plenty of structure for tannin lovers. A thick slice of Tuscan salami, salty, fatty and peppered, tames the tannins, and brings out this wine's softer, lush and fruity side. Decanting recommended for drinking near-term, or just taking the edge off the wine's structure. Charcuterie is a natural, but anything with the trifecta of meat, salt and fat will do the trick: barbacoa tacos, braised short-ribs, filet...but anything in a mushroomy sauce with a dark, reduced demi-glace stock would be delicious. A good candidate for cellaring. Drink now through 2036.

Alcohol: 15.5%.

Cases Produced: 250

TA: 6.0

VA: .66

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