

# HENDRY

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## HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

### 2022 MERLOT

**VINEYARD** The Hendry Vineyard is located on benchlands 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.

**BLOCKS** Hendry Merlot is planted in blocks 13A (Clone 3), and 13B, (Clone 14). Both blocks are directly behind the winery, in dry, rocky soils. Block 13B is our oldest Merlot block, planted in 1995.

**VINTAGE** In 2022, budbreak for the Merlot occurred on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, bloom on May 15-17<sup>th</sup>, and harvest was on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Average bloom to harvest was 105 days. The two blocks yielded an average of 3.46 tons per acre.

**WINEMAKING** Each year, we pick and ferment the five Bordeaux varieties (Merlot, Malbec, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Sauvignon) in small lots, aging them individually, each according to its own recipe of new and neutral barrels. After approximately one year of barrel aging, George Hendry selects the blend for our RED. In some years, we also choose to bottle small quantities of the individual components separately. The 2022 Merlot was aged a total of 15 months in French oak barrels, approximately 40% of which were new.

**NOTES** Medium-deep ruby. Oak and spice meet blue fruits, cocoa and cola in the initial aromas. On the palate, deeper blackberry fruit gets a delicious lift from the pleasant acidity. Moderate, fine-grained tannins, long finish. A versatile, flavorful and tasty red that would be terrific with a charcuterie board, mushroom risotto or pizza, Asian-influenced pork chops or seared duck breast. Drink from 2025 through at least 2032.

Alcohol 14.3%

250 cases produced

TA: 6.3

VA: .66