

HENDRY

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PROUDLY CELEBRATING EIGHTY-FIVE YEARS OF FAMILY FARMING

HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

2022 PETTITE SIRAH

VINEYARD The Hendry Vineyard is located on benchlands just west of the town of Napa. All of our vines grow on thin, stony soils between 200 and 300 feet above sea level. The vineyard is at the intersection of the cooler Carneros appellation and the greater Napa Valley, which becomes warmer as you travel northward. Morning fog and afternoon breezes from the San Pablo Bay moderate the climate, giving us long, warm summer days and cooler nights.

VARIETY Petite Sirah was one of three varieties that made up the original six acres of grapes on the Hendry Ranch when it was purchased in 1939, along with Zinfandel and Carignan. Petite Sirah in California dates back to the 1880s. It is also referred to as "Durif," after the French botanist who first crossed Syrah and Peloursin to produce this distinct grape.

BLOCK The vines in Block 23 were chip-grafted over to Petite Sirah in 2018, returning Petite Sirah to the ranch after an absence of 40+ years.

VINTAGE In 2022, budbreak in Block 23 was on March 29th. Bloom was May 19th, and harvest was on September 9th. Bloom to harvest was 113 days, and the yield was 3.00 tons/acre.

WINEMAKING The wine was aged 15 months in French oak barrels, approximately one-third of which were new.

NOTES Opaque, inky dark purple, with a violet hue. Initial aromas of powdery, soft fruit, cinnamon toast, fresh-crushed leaves. Full-bodied and smooth, with brightness in the finish. Nice, slow tannins become a solid grip by the second or third sip. Though this wine is definitely dark in appearance, and has a healthy balance of fruit and tannin, it doesn't need the maximum fat and richness in pairings. Savory dishes that would fit the bill: chimichurri steak salad, mushroom pizza, Korean bbq flavors, pork tenderloin with mustard, even a crispy baked phyllo with feta, spinach and herbs might work. Drink now through 2036.

Alcohol is 16.0%
Cases produced: 233
TA 5.9
VA .91