

HENDRY



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PROUDLY CELEBRATING EIGHT DECADES OF FAMILY FARMING

HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY 2022 RED

23% Cabernet Franc
23% Petit Verdot
18% Cabernet Sauvignon
18% Malbec
18% Merlot

VINEYARD Our vineyard is the sole source for grapes for all of our wines. It has been home to the Hendry family since 1939. The vines grow on thin, stony and clay soils, between 200 and 300 feet above sea level. Morning fog and strong afternoon breezes from San Pablo Bay moderate our climate in the rolling foothills just west of Napa.

VINTAGE In 2022, the earliest budbreak among the five varieties was Malbec on March 19th, continuing through April 3rd for the some Cabernets. The window for bloom was short, between May 13th and the 20th. Harvest for the Bordeaux grapes started on September 6th with Malbec, continuing through October 3rd, with Petit Verdot coming in last this vintage. Average bloom-to-harvest was 118 days, ranging from 116 days for Block 14 Malbec all the way to to 131 days for Petit Verdot in Blocks 15A and B. Yield was an average of 2.61 tons per acre throughout all of the blocks.

WINEMAKING Each year, we pick each of our small blocks of each of these five Bordeaux varieties, ferment them individually and then barrel age them for one year. After the first year of barrel aging, George Hendry works on the final blend before returning the wine to barrel for the final six months of aging. His aim is to make a wine with a concentration, complexity and potential for aging, but with more subtle tannic structure than a 100% Cabernet Sauvignon wine. This wine was aged for a total of 18 months in French oak barrels, 70-75% of which were new.

NOTES Deep ruby. Enticing soft berry, spicy oak and dried evergreen in the initial aromas. On the palate, medium-bodied, with firm tannins, with a lift of acidity and cranberry in the finish. As the tannins loosen their grip and the palate unwinds, evolving aromatics include toffee, cocoa and violet. Patience rewards with a nice long finish that plays the lingering tingle of acidity against the grip of fine tannins. Lively and interesting. Equal parts Cabernet Franc and Petit Verdot together make up 46% of the mix, giving this wine both intriguing aromatics and precise tannic architecture. This is a wine that will quickly open up--and will dazzle with decanting. Pair with the usual meaty suspects, leaning toward cuts like flank and skirt, with balsamic or rosemary in the preparation. Drink from now through 2040.

Alcohol: 15.3%.

Cases produced: 650

TA: 5.4

VA: .84