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HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

2023 PRIMITIVO

VINEYARD Hendry Blocks 10 and 24 are located on bench lands west of the town of Napa. Both blocks are approximately 200 feet above sea level, with thin, stony soils of alluvial and metavolcanic material. The maritime climate is moderated at Hendry by morning fog and strong afternoon breezes from San Pablo Bay.

HISTORY Primitivo's roots go back hundreds of years to Croatia, where it originated along with its more familiar genetic twin: Zinfandel. Zinfandel and Primitivo share common parentage. Primitivo is now associated with Puglia, Italy, where it is commonly grown, and Zinfandel with California.

BLOCKS The vines in Block 24 were planted in 1997, using St. George roots, and grafted with U.C. Davis Primitivo Clone 3. The vines are spaced 6.9' x 5', cordon-trained and spur-pruned. Block 10 was planted with the same clone in 2003. A vertical trellis system supports the cordon and the canopy.

VINTAGE In 2023, median budbreak occurred on April 10th. Bloom was June 5th, veraison between August 16-18th, and harvest in both blocks was on September 25th, with an average bloom-to-harvest of 112 days. The average yield between the two blocks was 3.46 tons per acre.

WINEMAKING Alcoholic fermentation for the Primitivo is completed in approximately ten days in closed, stainless steel fermentation tanks. After completing alcoholic fermentation, the wine is pressed and put into barrels for malolactic fermentation. Aging was fifteen months in French oak barrels, approximately one-third of which are new each vintage.

NOTES Medium ruby-purple. Aromas of late-summer fruit: blackberries, figs, dates. Fruit-forward and flavorful, with big, berry flavors. Balanced, pleasant mouthfeel, fresh blackberry acidity and moderate tannic grip. Slightly firmer than the 2022. This wine is the whole package, with a high “yum factor,” from start to finish.

A wine that threads the needle between fruity and firm, Primitivo is the perfect partner to a cheese board, tomato-based pasta and pizzas, eggplant and goat cheese lasagna, grilled zucchini with blistered tomatoes and a generous handful of Parmesan. Drink now through 2033.

Alcohol 15.4%

750 cases produced

TA: 6.6

VA: .71