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HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

2023 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

VINEYARD Hendry's Cabernet Sauvignon vines grow on thin, stony soil between 150 and 300 feet above sea level, on benchlands just west of the town of Napa. Morning fog and strong afternoon breezes from San Pablo Bay moderate our vineyard's climate.

BLOCKS Grapes for our 2023 Cabernet Sauvignon were sourced from Block 8D and 8E, and Block 8B. Blocks 8D and 8E were planted in 1974 with FPMS Clone 7, and Block 8B was replanted with FPMS Clone 7 in 2006. All of the blocks are on St. George rootstock. The dry, alluvial and volcanic soil in these blocks means that they are slow-maturing and low-yielding, giving us concentrated, complex fruit.

VINTAGE In 2023, median budbreak was recorded on April 9th. Median bloom was June 3-4th, and veraison was between August 15-17th. Harvest ranged from October 10th at the earliest, to October 26th for the last Cabernet pick in the old Block 8. Average bloom-to-harvest for our Cabernet blocks was a long 136 days in 2023, and the average yield over all blocks was 2.68 tons per acre.

WINEMAKING After an initial cold soak, warm fermentation and extended maceration, the wine was aged 18 months in approximately 90% new French oak barrels. Cooperage included Taransaud, Berger, Demptos and Sylvain. 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. Unfined.

NOTES Deep ruby color. Pleasant aromas of mint, eucalyptus, bay leaf, berry and earth. Pleasant entry, with bittersweet cocoa, mint and rich cassis on the palate. Initially, this wine is structured, lean and herbal, finishing with pleasant, black-tea-like tannins. Given some time in the glass, the wine gains depth: more and more of the savory cassis and berry fruit emerge, along with intriguing aromas of oak spice and maple syrup. The 2023 is a good candidate for decanting—or lingering over with a dinner that includes a nice cut of beef.

Bring on the savory and meaty, the braised and the grilled! Pair with a tomahawk rib-eye, smoked brisket, or classic steak au poivre. Or go a little more casual and try with grilled burgers with sauteed mushrooms and a strong flavorful cheese, or slow-braised short ribs. Drink from now through 2042.

Alcohol 15.1%

Cases: 967 Cases, also available in 375 ml half bottles and 1.5L magnums