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## HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY 2023 HRW CABERNET SAUVIGNON

**VINEYARD** The grapes for the HRW series wines come from our 114-acre Napa Valley vineyard, the sole source for all Hendry wines. Our vineyard lies between 150 and 300 feet in elevation, on a coarse alluvial fan at the south-western corner of the Napa Valley. In these rocky soils, cooled by summer breezes from the San Pablo Bay, the Hendry family has been growing Zinfandel since 1939.

**BLOCKS** Average production in our Cabernet blocks is relatively low: between 1.5 and 2.5 tons per acre. Our Cabernet vines in Blocks 8, 9F, 16, 17 and 18 are spaced 7' x 5', cordon-trained and spur-pruned. The clones are U.C. Davis 4, 7 and 15, and Entav 337. All are grafted to St. George roots. A seven-foot vertical trellis system supports the cordon and the canopy.

**VINTAGE** In 2023, median bloom was recorded on April 9<sup>th</sup>. Median budbreak was June 3-4<sup>th</sup>, and veraison was between August 15-17<sup>th</sup>. Harvest ranged from October 10<sup>th</sup> at the earliest, to October 26<sup>th</sup> 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** The HRW Cabernet Sauvignon is aged for 18 months in French Oak barrels, a small portion of which are new each year, around 10%. The remaining barrels are one and two-year-old barrels used in our Hendry Cabernet program. The wine is sealed with a screw-cap closure for slow bottle evolution and preservation of fruit aspects.

**NOTES** Ruby color. Aromatic notes include perfumed dried cherries, cedar shavings and herbs. Moderately full on the palate, with rounded flavors of dried blueberries, finishing with bittersweet cocoa powder and black tea. Tannins firm but not aggressive. Medium-bodied. 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. A straightforward Cabernet Sauvignon that checks all the boxes. Perfect for everyday drinking with steaks, kebabs, burgers or a salami selection, but not too heavy for grilled vegetables, dark meat chicken or veggie burgers. Drink from now through 2036.

Alcohol: 14.9%

Cases produced: 950