

HENDRY



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2018 CHARDONNAY BARREL FERMENTED NAPA VALLEY

The Hendry Vineyard is located on benchlands just west of the town of Napa. The Chardonnay 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.

This wine is a selection from our diverse Chardonnay blocks: Block 9 (KD selection), Block 20 (Dijon 95 clone), and Block 21 (Old Wente selection). In 2018, Block 9, which was planted in 1974, was the basis for this wine. Budbreak occurred in Block 9 on approximately March 23rd; bloom occurred May 22nd. Veraison occurred July 25th, and harvest was on September 11th. Bloom to harvest averaged 112 days, with a yield of just .91 tons per acre, exceptionally low, even for this generally lower-yielding, older block.

The Barrel Fermented Chardonnay is whole-cluster pressed and then cold-settled. It is barrel fermented *sur lie* and aged in French oak barrels for 11 months, without racking, undergoing monthly *battonage*. Approximately one-third of the barrels are new each year. The Barrel Fermented Chardonnay does not undergo any malolactic fermentation, important for retaining its food-friendly acidity.

On the nose, ripe nectarine, baked apple fruit, floral aromas, plus toast and spice from the Cadus oak barrels. Layers of tangy nectarine and golden apple flavor on the palate, interwoven with pineapple-y acid. Long finish, with a final flourish of green apple and apple peel. Warm, full-bodied. Some of our favorite pairing options for a rich, structured wine like this include grilled salmon filets, Manchego, or other intense, hard cheese, white pizzas redolent of garlic and rich with fontina, pasta in cream sauces, or *coq au vin* made with white wine.

Alcohol 14.5%

900 cases produced

TA: 7.36

VA: .28

pH : 3.42