

HENDRY

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PROUDLY CELEBRATING EIGHT DECADES OF FAMILY WINEGROWING

HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

2021 MERLOT

VINEYARD The Hendry Vineyard is located on benchlands west of the town of Napa. The vines grow on thin, stony clay soil between 200 and 300 feet above sea level. Morning fog and strong afternoon breezes from San Pablo Bay moderate the climate.

BLOCKS Hendry Merlot is planted in blocks 13A (Clone 3), and 13B, (Clone 14). Both blocks are directly behind the winery, in dry, rocky soils. Block 13B is our oldest Merlot block, planted in 1995.

VINTAGE In 2021, budbreak for the Merlot occurred on March 28th, bloom on May 15th, and harvest was on September 6th. Bloom to harvest was 114 days. The two blocks yielded an average of 1.72 tons per acre.

WINEMAKING Each year, we pick and ferment the five Bordeaux varieties (Merlot, Malbec, Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Sauvignon) in small lots, aging them individually, each according to its own recipe of new and neutral barrels. After approximately one year of barrel aging, George Hendry selects the blend for our RED. In some years, we also choose to bottle small quantities of the individual components separately. The 2021 Merlot was aged a total of 15 months in French oak barrels, approximately 40% of which were new.

NOTES Deep purple-ruby. Blue fruit, soft oak, and a pretty herbal accents are followed by brighter cola, dried herbs, raisin and spice. Medium-bodied with a nice mid-palate and moderate, fine-grained tannins. Finishes with spice and a touch of lifting acidity. A gentle and easy-going red wine with enough structure to pair with meatloaf, grilled flank or skirt steak, or a filet mignon, especially one with a meaty, reduced sauce.

Alcohol 14.3%

200 Cases produced

TA: 6.7

VA: .83