

HENDRY



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PROUDLY CELEBRATING EIGHTY-FIVE YEARS OF FAMILY FARMING

HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

2021 PETTITE SIRAH

VINEYARD The Hendry Vineyard is located on benchlands just west of the town of Napa. All of our 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.

VARIETY Petite Sirah was one of three varieties that made up the original six acres of grapes on the Hendry Ranch when it was purchased in 1939, along with Zinfandel and Carignan. Petite Sirah in California dates back to the 1880s. It is now known to be a cross between Syrah and Peloursin, a little-known French grape. It is also referred to as "Durif," after the French botanist who first propagated the variety using pollens from the two parents.

BLOCK Since 2018, Block 23 has been the site of the first Petite Sirah on our ranch since the original six acres of vines were replanted in the mid-1980s. The vines in Block 23 were chip-grafted over to Petite Sirah.

VINTAGE In 2021, budbreak was on April 7th. Bloom was May 23rd, and harvest was on September 24th. Bloom to harvest was 124 days, and the yield was 2.59 tons/acre.

WINEMAKING The wine was aged 15 months in French oak barrels, approximately one-third of which were new.

NOTES Deep, opaque purple. Sweet berry jam aromas floating on top of silky, floral and cocoa. with light spice and oak shavings. Big mouthfeel, full-bodied and fairly smooth. Flavors include baking chocolate and dried blueberries. Nice, slow tannins become a solid grip by the second or third sip. Pair with braised beef, Wellington or short ribs with mushrooms. Decanting recommended.

Alcohol: 14.9%
Cases Produced: 400
TA: 6.6
VA: .92