

HENDRY

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PROUDLY CELEBRATING EIGHTY-FIVE YEARS OF FAMILY FARMING

HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY **2021 RED**

43% Cabernet Sauvignon
18% Malbec
18% Merlot
17% Petit Verdot
4% Cabernet Franc

VINEYARD The Hendry Vineyard is located on benchlands west of the town of Napa. The vines grow on thin, stony and clay soils, between 200 and 300 feet above sea level. Morning fog and strong afternoon breezes from San Pablo Bay moderate our climate. Our vineyard is the sole source for grapes for all of our wines. It has been home to the Hendry family since 1939.

VINTAGE In 2021, budbreak in these blocks started March 28th for the early varieties and ended approximately April 7th for the later ones. Bloom was between May 13th and the 22nd. Harvest for the Bordeaux grapes started on September 6th with Merlot, followed by Malbec, continuing through October 6th for the later types (Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Cabernet Sauvignon). Average bloom-to-harvest was 125 days, ranging from 114 days for Block 13 Merlot to 141 days for the Cabernet Franc in Block 26. Yield was an average of 1.69 tons per acre throughout these blocks.

WINEMAKING Each year, we pick each of our small blocks of each of these five Bordeaux varieties, ferment them individually and then barrel age them all for one year. After the first year of barrel aging, George Hendry works on the final blend before returning the wine to barrel for the final six months of aging. His aim is to make a wine with a concentration, complexity and potential for aging, but with more subtle tannic structure than a 100% Cabernet Sauvignon wine. This wine was aged for a total of 18 months in French oak barrels, 70-75% of which were new.

NOTES Deep purple-ruby in color. Initial aromas are earthy and woody, with glimpses of redcurrant and plum jam fruit. On the palate, initially smooth, with plum jam fruit and fruity, sour and bitter components. Given a little time, it opens up nicely to a silky palate with black cherry fruit, finishing with firm, fine-grained tannins. A relatively large proportion of Cabernet for this blend at 43% makes the 2021 vintage of RED initially more structured, so be sure to decant or age. This wine would be terrific with slow-braised short ribs, a beef and wild mushroom stew, or other dishes with deep, meaty, roasted flavors.

Alcohol: 14.3%.

Cases produced: 700

TA: 6.6

VA: .87