

# HENDRY

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## HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

### 2022 PRIMITIVO

**VINEYARD** Hendry Blocks 10 and 24 are located on bench lands west of the town of Napa. Both blocks are approximately 200 feet above sea level, with thin, stony soils of alluvial and metavolcanic material. The maritime climate is moderated at Hendry by morning fog and strong afternoon breezes from San Pablo Bay.

**HISTORY** Primitivo's roots go back hundreds of years to Croatia, where it originated along with its more familiar genetic twin: Zinfandel. Zinfandel and Primitivo share common parentage. Primitivo is now associated with Puglia, Italy, where it is commonly grown, and Zinfandel with California.

**BLOCKS** The vines in Block 24 were planted in 1997, using St. George roots, and grafted with U.C. Davis Primitivo Clone 3. The vines are spaced 6.9' x 5', cordon-trained and spur-pruned. Block 10 was planted with the same clone in 2003. A vertical trellis system supports the cordon and the canopy.

**VINTAGE** In 2022, budbreak occurred in Block 10 on March 27<sup>th</sup> and on March 31<sup>st</sup> in Block 24. Bloom was May 19<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup> and harvest in both blocks was on August 30<sup>th</sup>, with an average bloom-to-harvest of 102.5 days. The average yield between the two blocks was 2.84 tons per acre.

**WINEMAKING** Alcoholic fermentation for the Primitivo is completed in approximately ten days in closed, stainless steel fermentation tanks. After completing alcoholic fermentation, the wine is pressed and put into barrels for malolactic fermentation. Aging was fifteen months in French oak barrels, approximately one-third of which are new each vintage.

**NOTES** Ruby color. Fresh aromas of red fruit, cherry hard candy, mint and bayleaf. Pleasant on the palate, with bright cherry, plum, cocoa and herbal flavors. Medium-bodied. Moderate to soft tannins, moderate acidity. Softer than some Primitivo vintages, with more herbal notes and gentle tannins. This wine would be great with a cheese board, creamy pasta with tomatoes, grilled steak flatbreads, goat cheese and eggplant lasagna, pizzas, grilled meats, chicken and portobello mushrooms. Drink now through 2032.

Alcohol 15%

833 cases produced

TA: 6.6

VA: .52