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PROUDLY CELEBRATING EIGHTY-FIVE YEARS OF FAMILY FARMING

HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

2022 CHARDONNAY RESERVE

VINEYARD The Hendry Vineyard is located on benchlands just west of the town of Napa. Our 203-acre ranch is at the intersection of the cooler Carneros, Oak Knoll and Mt. Veeder appellations at the south end of the Napa Valley. Morning fog and afternoon breezes from the San Pablo Bay moderate our climate, giving us long, warm summer days and cooler nights. Our old-vine Chardonnay grows on thin, stony soils between 200 and 300 feet above sea level.

BLOCK Sourced exclusively from Block 9, planted in 1974. Budwood for this block was sourced from our neighbor's old, low-yielding "Old Wente"-type vineyard. The clone appears on our map as "KD" to honor our friend and neighbor Keane Dimick. The vines produce fruit with concentrated and complex flavors that make this block endlessly fascinating from a winemaking perspective.

VINTAGE In 2022, budbreak occurred March 8th in Block 9C and E. Bloom was approximately May 5th. The grapes were harvested August 23rd. Bloom to harvest was 110 days, with a yield of 1.88 tons per acre.

WINEMAKING The Chardonnay grapes are whole-cluster pressed after a cool morning harvest. George Hendry stands by as the press starts up. Small lots of press "fractions" are separated out as the pressure gradually increases. The small lots are fermented in barrels and remain *sur lie* (on the yeast) for twelve to fourteen months. The first six months are in 100% new oak, after which they are moved to neutral oak. The wine does not undergo any malolactic fermentation. It gains its creamy body from bi-weekly *bâtonnage* for the first month, followed by monthly stirring. Winemaking can vary slightly, tailored to the characteristics of the vineyard.

NOTES Eighty-plus years of farming have culminated in the creation of our single-block Reserve wines. The Chardonnays are layered, complex, creamy and elegant. Pair with white pizzas, gnocchi in a cream sauce, halibut or scallops in a beurre blanc, among many other tasty options.

Alcohol 14.5

Cases produced 100

TA: 6.5

VA: .33