

## Est. 1939 PROUDLY CELEBRATING EIGHT DECADES OF FAMILY FARMING

## HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

## 2024 UNOAKED CHARDONNAY

VINEYARD The Hendry Vineyard is located on bench lands just west of the town of Napa. The vines grow on thin stony soils between 200 and 300 feet above sea level. Morning fog and afternoon breezes from the San Pablo Bay moderate our climate. We are just a mile or so from the Carneros region of Napa, and enjoy similar marine-layer influence.

BLOCKS This wine is a selection from our three Chardonnay blocks: Block 9 (Old Wente/KD Clone, planted 1974) Block 19 (Dijon 96, planted 1996), and Block 20 (Dijon 95, planted 1996).

VINTAGE In 2024, budbreak in the Chardonnay blocks was March 11-13<sup>th</sup>. Bloom took place between May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Harvest took place from August 26<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>. Average bloom to harvest was 108 days. Yield was 2.56 tons per acre in the old Block 9, and 4.45 tons per acre in 19 and 20.

WINEMAKING At harvest, the fruit from these blocks is whole-cluster crushed, then fermented in chilled stainless-steel tanks. It is protected from oxygen exposure to prevent oxidation. These two measures help to preserve the fresh fruit flavors of Chardonnay grown in our cooler climate. It is not allowed to go through malolactic fermentation and remains in chilled stainless steel to allow for multiple cold-settles until bottling. A screw-cap closure continues to protect the wine after bottling.

NOTES This unassuming, unadorned wine always highlights the beauty and purity of our old-vine Chardonnay fruit. Pale straw color. Aromas of green and pink apples, stone fruits. Light-bodied, with pleasing flavors of tangy apple and citrus. Fresh and vibrant, with green apple and lemony acidity in the surprisingly long finish. Balanced palate. Keep it light when pairing with this wine. Try grilled chicken breasts, lemony hummus or guacamole with chips, mozzarella with prosciutto and summer fruit, and other light, bright foods--or just sip all by itself! Drink now through at least 2028.

Alcohol: 14.5

Cases produced: 1,866

TA: 4.74 VA: .13