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HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY 2018 CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Hendry's Cabernet Sauvignon Blocks 8, 16, 17 and 18 are located on benchlands west of the town of Napa. The vines grow on thin, stony soil between 150 and 300 feet above sea level. Morning fog and strong afternoon breezes from San Pablo Bay moderate our vineyard's climate.

Grapes for our 2018 Cabernet Sauvignon were sourced from the north side of two of the "old" sections of Block 8, and one of the newer ones. Blocks 8D and F were planted in 1974 with FPMS Clone 7. The third block, Block 8B, was replanted with FPMS Clone 7 in 2006. All of the blocks are on St. George rootstock. The dry, alluvial soil in these blocks means that they are naturally low-yielding, giving us concentrated, complex fruit to work with.

In 2018, median budbreak in these blocks was April 8th; median bloom was May 30th. Veraison occurred August 7th, and harvest took place over a two-week period from October 1st through the 15th. Average yield in the Cabernet Blocks was 3.32 tons per acre, and the average bloom-to-harvest period was 131 days.

After a warm extended maceration, the wine was aged 21 months in approximately 90% new French oak barrels. 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. Unfined.

Opaque, deep ruby color. Though subtle at first, there is beautiful, textbook Cabernet fruit in the initial aromas, with pleasant berry/dark cherry, herbal elements and soft oak. Full-bodied, with balanced acidity and approachable tannins. Long, vibrant finish. Like its predecessor, this wine feels very approachable upon release. Meats and cheeses will push the fruit to the forefront in this wine. Pair with charcuterie, parmesan crisps, a dry-aged rib-eye with a pan reduction (especially with truffle or mushroom), a simple cheeseburger (easy on the ketchup), or short ribs with mushroom polenta.

Alcohol: 14.9%
Cases produced: 908
TA: 6.9
VA: .75