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HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY

2019 ZINFANDEL BLOCKS 7&22

Block 7 has been the foundation for our Zinfandel since the first vintage of the Hendry label back in 1992. The vines in Block 7 were planted in 1975. Originally, it was sold to other vintners, helping to forging George Hendry's reputation as a grapegrower.

Both Block 7 and Block 22 are located on benchlands west of the town of Napa. The nine acres are between 230 and 300 feet above sea level and have thin, stony soils. The maritime climate is moderated by morning fog and strong afternoon breezes from San Pablo Bay. Block 7 was planted in 1975 to clone 2 Zinfandel. Block 22 was planted in 1995, also to clone 2. The vines are spaced 8' x 10', cordon-trained and spur-pruned.

In 2019, budbreak was April 9th in Block 7, and April 6th in Block 22. Bloom occurred June 1st in both blocks, and veraison on August 7th. Both blocks were harvested on September 25th. Average bloom-to-harvest was 116 days. Yield was 3.02 tons per acre in Block 7, and 4.77 tons per acre in Block 22.

The alcoholic fermentation for each was completed in approximately ten days in closed stainless steel fermentation tanks. The wine was then pressed and put into barrels for malolactic fermentation. Aging for the 7&22 is fifteen months in French oak barrels, approximately one-third of which are new each vintage.

Medium ruby. On the nose, it's soft at first, then surprisingly floral, transitioning to mouth-watering berry and notes of orange rind. Fruit and acid are in balance on the palate, with moderate levels of each. Tannins build up slowly with each sip, but are never overwhelming. Finishes with a bright tang. This wine has always been fascinating in its versatility. Different foods will enhance the savory aspects, bringing out soy and lime flavors, while others highlight the fresh, sweet cherry fruit in the mid-palate. Pair with seasoned lamb chops on the grill, lean steaks, aged sheep or goat's milk cheeses, pasta with a braised meat ragu. Balanced and versatile.

Alcohol: 15.1%

Cases produced: 1,768

TA: 6.0

VA: .83