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## HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY 2019 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 2019 Cabernet Sauvignon were sourced primarily from Block 8. Blocks 8D and 8F 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 and volcanic soil in these blocks means that they are slow-maturing and low-yielding, giving us concentrated, complex fruit.

In 2019, median budbreak in these blocks was April 7<sup>th</sup>. Bloom was May 28<sup>th</sup> through June 1<sup>st</sup>. Veraison occurred August 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup>, and harvest took place over a roughly two-week period from September 30<sup>th</sup> through October 17<sup>th</sup>. Average yield in the "old" Cabernet Blocks was 2.17 tons per acre, 2.86 tons per acre in the "new" blocks. The average bloom-to-harvest period was 132 days.

After a warm extended maceration, the wine was aged 23 months in approximately 90% new Taransaud and Berger French oak barrels. 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. Unfined.

Opaque, deep ruby color. Immediate berry fruit on the nose, backed with spice, dried herbs and leather. Full-bodied, with pleasing deep berry roundness and depth in the mid-palate. Fine-grained tannins with a bittersweet chocolate edge and dark, stewed fruit on the finish. New aromas of violets, licorice and more continue to emerge with air, making this a good candidate for further bottle development. Like its immediate predecessors, this wine seems very approachable upon release. (Even, in the case of the 375ml, which is in screw cap closure.) Try with slow-roasted lamb shanks, braised short ribs, Wagyu sliders (fancy!), salumi and charcuterie, risotto made with an intensely-flavored cheese like Pecorino. Even a simple burger with blue cheese will be elevated in the company of this appealing wine.

Alcohol: 15.8%

Cases produced: 940 750 ml/ 30 cases 375 ml

TA: 6.1

VA: .75