

CELEBRATING EIGHT DECADES OF FAMILY WINEGROWING

HENDRY VINEYARD NAPA VALLEY 2018 HRW CABERNET SAUVIGNON

All of the grapes for the HRW series wines come from our 114-acre Napa Valley vineyard. The average production in our Cabernet blocks is low: between 1.5 and 2.5 tons per acre. The grapes we use for HRW are from lots that may have a little less complexity or concentration than our Hendry label, yet still represent a very good value. (HRW stands for Hendry Ranch Winery.)

All of the vines on the Hendry ranch grow on thin stony soil between 200 and 300 feet above sea level. Morning fog and strong afternoon breezes from San Pablo Bay (the northern end of the San Francisco Bay) moderate our climate. Our Cabernet vines are spaced 7' x 5', cordon-trained and spur-pruned. The clones are U.C. Davis 4, 7 and 15, and all are grafted to St. George roots. A seven-foot vertical trellis system supports the cordon and the canopy. Average bloom-to-harvest for our Cabernet blocks in 2018 was 123 days.

The 2018 HRW Cabernet Sauvignon is aged for 18 months in French Oak barrels, 10% of which were new. The remaining barrels were one and two-year-old barrels used in our Cabernet program. The wine is sealed with a screw-cap closure for slow bottle evolution and preservation of fruit aspects.

Opaque, medium-ruby color, slight violet hue of a young wine-- slightly lighter in body than our Hendry label Cabernet. Dark berries, smoke and grape skins on the nose. The palate offers tangy blackcurrant, dark berries and cocoa. Medium-bodied. Firm tannins. 100% Cabernet Sauvignon. Pair with burgers on the grill, steaks, chops. A tasty, versatile, go-to Cabernet Sauvignon for everyday drinking.

Alcohol: 14.5%

Cases produced: 2587

TA: 6.04 VA: .62 pH: 3.73