

TRIONE *Vineyards & Winery*



Winemaker's Tasting Notes

Scot Covington - Winemaker

Trione 2017 Henry's Blend

2017 will be remembered as the year of the fires in Sonoma County, it will also be remembered as a near perfect vintage for most winegrowers. Spring rains meant that the vines had plenty of reserves to work with during bud break and the flowering seasons. The summer months were warm and mild, near perfect growing conditions. Things warmed up in September that hastened the harvest season. All in all, yields were average to slightly below average with quality across all varieties at near perfection. At Trione we were done harvesting by October 6th, slightly earlier than normal.

Cases produced: 1,428

Winemaking: The grapes were all hand-harvested, sorted and sent directly to small open top fermentation tanks. The fermentations were done using a unique cap irrigation device that brings in air as the free-run wine is being circulated over the cap during the peak of fermentation. This technique ensures the binding of tannins with the color compounds found in the grapes as well as maximizing proper yeast cell health and viability. The blend consists of 35% Cabernet Sauvignon, 34% Merlot, 13% Petit Verdot, 13% Cabernet Franc, and 5% Malbec. The varieties were fermented and aged separately then blended together after 12 months. Once blended, the wine aged for another six months in barrel.

Alcohol: 14.4 percent by volume

TA: 6.80 g/l

pH: 3.64

Tasting Notes: Pretty floral notes and intense pomerol-like aromas are the first impressions. The 2017 Trione Henry's blend is definitely more right bank in character. This Bordeaux-style blend is rich and inviting. Its soft and velvety mouthfeel with firm tannin and acidity will ensure a long cellar life. Enjoy!

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Our family is deeply rooted in Sonoma County."*

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