

2012 Belle Cousine



Region:	Napa Valley
Appellation:	Los Carneros
Vineyard:	Hyde Vineyard
Age of vines:	12 to 28 years
Geography:	Eastern edge of the Carneros District
Exposure:	South by southeast
Soil:	Shallow loam over clay hardpan
Acreage:	5.87 acres
Production:	743 cases (9L)
Harvest dates:	October 1 st & 8 th (Merlot) October 17 th (Cab. Sauv.)
Bottling date:	July 31 nd , 2014
Oak:	25% new French oak
Barrel Aged:	21 months
Filtering:	Unfined & Unfiltered
Varietals:	Merlot (70%) Cabernet Sauvignon (30%)
Retail:	\$75

VINTAGE NOTES

Hyde Vineyard experienced moderate to high temperatures in 2012 complimented by cool nights and no significant weather events. These growing conditions resulted in an ideal ripening season. Harvest of our Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon completed on October 17th after a long and even maturation period, allowing our fruit to reach definition and balance.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Deep red in color, our 2012 Belle Cousine displays intensity and persistence on the nose, with subtle nuances of ripe black-fruit and minerality.

On the palate, this restrained wine displays balance with developed and refined tannins. Bright acidity and elegant fruit exudes definition and focus to the mid palate. The back palate crescendos in a long, subtle, and graceful finish.

- *Stéphane Vivier, Winemaker, HdV Wines*