



HYDE DE VILLAINÉ (HdV)

2009 CHARDONNAY
HYDE VINEYARD
CARNEROS, NAPA VALLEY

PROPRIETORS: Mr. and Mrs. Aubert de Villaine
Mr. and Mrs. Laurence W. Hyde
Mr. and Mrs. Richard E. Hyde III

REGION: Napa Valley

APPELLATION: Carneros

VINEYARD: Hyde Vineyard

AGE OF VINES: 30-plus years

EXPOSURE: South by southeast

SOIL: Shallow loam over clay hardpan

SUBTERRANEAN: Ancient terraces and alluvial fans

ACREAGE: 9.42 acres

HARVEST DATES: September 5, 8, 9, 11 and 18

FERMENTATION: In 10-year-old wooden "foudre" and 60-gallon barrels,
20% new, all François Frères

MALOLACTIC: 100%

AGING: 12 months in French oak (François Frères), 20% new,
followed by 3 months in stainless and 14 months in bottle

BOTTLING DATE: December 6, 2010

PRODUCTION: 1,916 cases (12/750ml)

VINTAGE NOTES

Entering the third year of a drought, the 2009 winter was dry at Hyde Vineyard until unexpected rains in early spring. Budbreak was later than usual, avoiding any risk of frost damage. Continuously mild weather created a long, slow ripening vintage, leading to wines of balance and deft concentration.

WINEMAKER NOTES

2009 Hyde de Villaine Chardonnay highlights why Hyde Vineyard is the elite Chardonnay site in California. The wine is rich and complex, while exuding finesse and elegance. Intense aromas of fresh fig and stone fruit develop over time in the glass. The complexity relies on an intricate evolution of spice, apricot and pear notes that leads to a persistent finish. Reminiscent of grand cru Burgundy, this wine will age gracefully for two decades.

—Stéphane Vivier

EXPRESSING CHARACTER OF PLACE

"Recently, I was at our Hyde de Villaine (HdV) winery and tasted our soon-to-be-released 2009 Chardonnay. It struck me as to how successful this wine is in regards to our initial goals established over a decade ago. One of these goals was to harvest a Chardonnay that would express the character of the place it comes from: Carneros (and more particularly Hyde Vineyard), but where one could also find the minerality that is so dear to our Burgundian palates. Carneros terroir is gifted, thanks to the soil and to the strong winds from the Bay, with a minerality that is rarely found in other American wine regions. Our 2009 Chardonnay shows opulence and a fruit forwardness, but beautifully translates the mineral background that gives its defining character."

—Aubert de Villaine

