



# HYDE DE VILLAIN

## 2014 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
APPELLATION:	Los Carneros, Napa Valley
VINEYARD:	Hyde Vineyard, at the eastern edge of Los Carneros District
AGE OF VINES:	23 to 33 years
EXPOSURE:	South by southeast
SOIL:	Shallow loam over clay hardpan
SUBTERRANEAN:	Ancient terraces and alluvial fans
ACREAGE:	8.64 acres
HARVEST DATES:	August 18 – September 12, 2014
MALOLACTIC:	Yes
AGING:	12 months in oak (20% new) and 3 months in stainless steel
BOTTLED:	November 25, 2015
ALCOHOL:	14.1%
PRODUCTION:	2,290 cases (12/750ml)

### VINTAGE NOTES

Entering our third year of drought, we were braced for another dry growing season and a need to be strategic with our water resources. Fortunately, generous late winter rain refreshed the vines in February just before bud break, and enabled rapid, healthy growth without human intervention. An unseasonably warm spring and steady, moderate summer sustained accelerated growth, ideal pollination, and early véraison in late June. Both clusters and berries were small—the marker of a great vintage. A string of cooler days and nights in August allowed the grapes to slow their ripening, and helped preserve fresh minerality and energy in the wine.

Harvest began early in mid-August, then briefly paused due to the South Napa earthquake on August 24. We picked the last of the fruit on September 12.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

Fresh floral, citrus and white peach aromas on the nose open into a silken palate offering intense bright stone fruit, pear, and savory minerality. Exceptional freshness is balanced by a rich mouthfeel and profound, mineral depth. With beauty, class and focus in one golden package, this wine has excellent aging potential, and I look forward to drinking it for many years to come. — *Stéphane Vivier, Winemaker*

