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2015 CHARDONNAY

The 2015 Chardonnay Hyde Vineyard is bright, pure and focused, especially within the context of the year. Winemaker Stephane Vivier did a terrific job in capturing a compelling interplay of freshness and textural richness. Lemon peel, white flowers, white orchard fruit and mint give the wine its lifted personality, but there is plenty of palate weight and depth. This is a classy, super-polished Chardonnay from Hyde de Villaine. – Antonio Galloni

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2014 CHARDONNAY

The 2014 Chardonnay Hyde Vineyard is dense, powerful and exotic. Candied lemon peel, apricot, butter and honey endow the 2014 with a decidedly opulent, flamboyant character and notable oiliness. The 2014 was done 80% in barrel and 20% in foudre, with about 20-25% new oak. That approach results in a Chardonnay built on structure and intensity. This is an especially pure, almost stark, expression of Hyde. – Antonio Galloni

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2014 BELLE COUSINE

The 2014 Belle Cousine is a Merlot/Cabernet Sauvignon blend from Hyde. Dark, pliant and inviting, the 2014 opens with a compelling range of floral and savory aromatics. Dark cherry, plum, lavender, violet and licorice infuse this deep, fleshy wine. The tannins need at least a few years in bottle to soften, but the purity and vibrancy of the fruit is striking. Put simply, the 2014 is absolutely delicious. – Antonio Galloni



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