



# HYDE DE VILLAIN

## 2016 LE DÉBUT 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:	6 years
EXPOSURE:	South by southeast
SOIL:	Shallow loam over clay hardpan
SUBTERRANEAN:	Ancient terraces and alluvial fans
ACREAGE:	1.7 acres
HARVEST DATES:	September 1, 2016
MALOLACTIC:	Yes
AGING:	11 months; 80% used French oak and 20% concrete egg
BOTTLED:	November 15, 2017
ALCOHOL:	13.9%
PRODUCTION:	550 cases (12/750ml)
FILTERING:	Unfiltered & unfined

Le Début is a young vine, single block Calera project started in 2010 that was designed to express the unique character of the vine and site. With no new oak or additions used in winemaking, the wine is truly an unadulterated expression of site.

### VINTAGE NOTES

2016 started with a cold and wet winter, which gave the vines a well-deserved dormancy, especially after the fast-paced growing season of 2015. Bud break occurred in mid-March and was followed by a dry and warm spring. This resulted in a healthy and vigorous canopy, as well as a bountiful crop.

Heavy fog in early August slowed the maturation process and allowed for additional phenolic development while retaining the freshness and natural acidity Hyde Vineyard is known for.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

Our Le Début Chardonnay is sourced from our young vine block of Calera Chardonnay. The 2016 is bright and energetic with a distinctly mineral nose of crushed stone entwined with apple blossom, citrus zest and fresh almond. The palate is focused with flavors of ripe Bartlett pear, peach, lemon curd and the hallmark minerality of Hyde Vineyard.

— Stéphane Vivier, Winemaker

