

## Hyde de Villaine (HdV)

## 2016 YGNACIA PINOT NOIR Hyde Vineyard 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: Southern

Soil: Haire clay loam over clay hardpan

Acreage: 1.9 acres
Harvest date: August 15
Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Barrel aging: 16 months; 15% new (François Freres, Cavin)
Bottled: March 22, 2017; unfined and unfiltered

Alcohol: 13.3%

Production: 444 cases (12/750ml)

Planted exclusively for Hyde de Villaine on a optimal location on Hyde Vineyard, our Ygnacia Pinot Noir is a blend of 7 heritage clones collected by Larry Hyde over the last 40 years. This wine represents a lifetime of work by Mr. Hyde in his pursuit of the finest Pinot Noir clones in the New World.

## 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 and ideal pollination, leading to a bountiful crop.

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

## WINEMAKER NOTES

The nose is intense but delicate, with complex, perfumy aromas of violet and rose petals, small berry fruits, earthy undertones and a touch of spice. On the palate, the wine shows bright acidity and mineral components throughout, intermixed with delicate floral and fresh blue fruit notes. The tannins are layered, soft and precise. The finish builds energy and focus, and its length promises a cellar-worthy wine.

— Guillaume Boudet, Winemaker

