



HYDE DE VILLAINE

2015 CALIFORNIO SYRAH 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:	Carneros, Napa Valley
VINEYARD:	Hyde Vineyard, at the eastern edge of Los Carneros
AGE OF VINES:	15 to 21 years
EXPOSURE:	South by southeast
SOIL:	Shallow loam over clay hardpan
SUBTERRANEAN:	Ancient terraces and alluvial fans
ACREAGE:	2.1 acres
HARVEST DATES:	September 12
VARIETAL:	100% Syrah
BARREL AGING:	22 months in French oak; 30% new
BOTTLED:	July 31, 2017; unfinned and unfiltered
ALCOHOL:	14.6%
PRODUCTION:	258 cases (12/750ml)

VINTAGE NOTES

The drought cycle that started in 2012 continued into 2015. As a result, we experienced a warm dry winter and an early start to the vegetative cycle with bud break in February. In May, unseasonably cool weather caused poor pollination, resulting in concentrated fruit due to millerandage — small, seedless berries amid a few normal berries, creating the intensity and complexity in the juice. The summer was hot overall at Hyde Vineyard. Thanks to a few cool days in early August, the growing season was extended, allowing the grapes to reach great maturity.

WINEMAKER NOTES

Flavors of rich, black cherries and Asian plum open to black pepper, smoked red meat, and cigar box. Seductive aromas of sweet lavender and truffle are juxtaposed by layers of iron minerality and crushed Friar plum. Its restrained power and mouthwatering acidity are delicately balanced with integrated tannins that promise years of aging. With purity of fruit and complex spices, this wine entices the senses and captures attention.

—Guillaume Boudet, Winemaker

CALIFORNIO

The name Californio pays tribute to the early California settlers, or Californios, those of Spanish heritage who tamed the wilds of the frontier. As descendants of the early Californios, the Hyde and de Villaine families strive to present a Syrah that highlights one of California's premier growing sites, Hyde Vineyard, while embodying the elegance of the Old World.

