



# HYDE DE VILLAIN

## 2018 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:	8 years
EXPOSURE:	Southern
SOIL:	Haire clay loam over clay hardpan
ACREAGE:	1.9 acres
HARVEST DATE:	September 3
VARIETAL:	100% Pinot Noir
BARREL AGING:	16 months in French oak barrels, 15% new
BOTTLED:	February 13, 2020; unfinned and unfiltered
ALCOHOL:	13.2%
PRODUCTION:	383 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 selections in the New World.*

### VINTAGE NOTES

February saw abundant rains, followed by lots of filtered light in spring and early summer. Both bud break and flowering occurred a bit late, but under ideal weather conditions, creating plentiful and even fruit set. Summer brought generous sun during the day and cooler marine influences, virtually uninterrupted by major heat spikes. The relatively mild summer followed by extended fall sunshine and moderate heat created near ideal conditions for the fruit to accumulate flavor complexity with gradual increases in sugar levels.

### WINEMAKER NOTES

In the nose, dark Hudson cherry and rhubarb work in harmony with characters of savory lavender and thyme accented by a hint of Oolong tea. Enticing flavors of fresh strawberries and bergamot flirt with notes of pink peppercorn and a hint of apricot blossom. The soft, supple tannins and bright acidity make this wine approachable in its youth but also sets the stage for future aging. A more feminine expression of the Carneros region.

— *Guillaume Boudet, Winemaker*

